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Alumnæ chapters have many interests and functions, not the least of which is working for the college chapters. Theta's Reno Alumnæ Chapter, as the chapter editor points out, "is successfully combining business with pleasure this year," in raising money for furnishings and incidentals for the remodeled Beta Mu chapter house at the University of Nevada. Reno's project, carried on both last year and this, is known as their "Fun for Funds" campaign. Pictured are Berry McAnally Freitag, Beta Mu House Corporation president, showing the remodeling plans to a group of interested actives. L. to r., Delores Chambers; Kress Harris, active chapter president; Elsa Freitag; Alice Urrutia; Marilyn Ferrari; Berry McAnally Freitag; Valerie Estes.

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Message from Mary X.

"Our chief want in life is someone to make us do what we can."—
Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Service Program of Kappa Alpha Theta gives to the college and alumnae members of the fraternity the privilege to give of themselves to help others. Is there any better feeling than that which comes from the smile or the warm handclasp of a friend? The Friendship Fund, supported by the generous contributions of all Thetas at Founders' Day celebrations, is the medium by which the fraternity expresses the meaning of true friendship. This truly Theta fund, distribution of which is confidential, has brought comfort to many members whose hearts were burdened.

The creation of the Loan and Fellowship Fund was due to the vision of Josephine Lippincott, who recognized the need to establish a fund to give financial aid to Theta women to complete their college educations. This fund has grown through the financial and reasonable support of a loyal, interested membership, and its benefits have not been limited to Thetas, since college women from five foreign countries have been awarded fellowships to continue their graduate studies in the United States. Thus through Theta's oldest service project, the Loan and Fellowship Fund, the fraternity has been not only able to help its own members, but also has been able to share with citizens of other countries the hope that through cooperative effort, the world might develop into a better place in which to live.

"To meet the higher and broader demands of mature life"—this ideal is unfolding in the service given by Thetas to their major philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics. It is difficult to think of living in a world in which there is no sound, but thousands of children are living in such a world. The purpose of the Institute is to "bring speech to the silent," and Thetas everywhere have accepted the challenge to help in opening the door to these almost forgotten children.

"Those who take their gifts afar will find other rare gifts offered in exchange." Many college and alumnae groups have adopted orphans, destitute as a result of World War II, under the Foster Parents' Plan. The joy which comes with the knowledge that through friendship and love a child has been saved, is indeed, a singular gift "in exchange."

These are the services of Kappa Alpha Theta—each one important, each one appealing, but all three worthy, all three challenging, and the success of all three dependent upon the comprehensive and loyal effort of Thetas dedicated to the ideal—"the greatest influence for good."

Mary X. Plummer
Grand Council, Member at Large

Our Fraternity Challenge

• **Ellen Bowers Hofstead**

NPC Delegate

Text of Public Relations report made to Theta Officers' Conference, September 1959, by Ellen Hofstead, NPC delegate, former Theta Grand President.

As we consider this broad field of public relations on the one hand we see the fraternity system, as old as our nation itself, continuing to grow not only in numbers but prestige as well. We find the requests from administrations to establish new chapters coming in far faster than we can possibly comply with them since extension requires a large financial outlay as well as much special effort on the part of alumnae, district and national officers. We see fraternity membership at an all time high.

We must look, however, at the other side of the kaleidoscope and realize that on many campuses there are individuals and organizations trying to undermine our basic American freedoms. Why should the fraternity be a target? Fraternities, as the strong voluntary associations on the college level, are a powerful enemy of those trying to foster the collectivist philosophy since they would like, if possible, to eliminate all voluntary associations.

It is vitally important that we understand our rights and realize that as we defend our right of free association, guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, we are, in reality, defending the whole concept of a free community. It is important, further, for us to clarify the status of NPC groups as voluntary associations directly responsible to the university, rather than as student groups responsible to student organizations. At this time we need, too, to take a stern look at ourselves.

I have all faith in the future of the fraternity system if we define our system, develop a better Panhellenic spirit, live up to our objectives and re-dedicate ourselves to our fraternity ideals.

As we foster a true Panhellenic spirit it is ours to clarify to incoming students the similarity of objectives and ideals of all NPC groups and interest them in fraternity membership rather

than just membership solely in our own group.

In his recent book, *The College Influence on Student Character*, Dr. Edward Eddy, Jr. says of the fraternity: "It offers the opportunity for an unusual maturing process with group idealism balanced by individually held values. In many ways, too, it offers the student the right kind of security."

A Dean of Women had this to say: "The strong and healthful influence of the fraternities on the college campus can be readily recognized in every area of student life. Their development of high scholastic standards, a strong social and moral code and their encouragement of student initiative and leadership serve in a large measure to set the tone for the entire campus."

Such statements should challenge each fraternity member to do her part to see that her chapter proves itself worthy. We should encourage a real love of learning eliminating, when indicated, activities and projects which might hinder a student from reaching her full potential in the area of scholarship. It is ours to set the tone for the campus in the area of social standards and to develop leadership and a sense of responsibility for service in our members. As we do these things we are living up to our objectives.

We should re-dedicate ourselves to our ideals. I believe that our ritual is a foundation stone of our fraternity and we know that if we made it a part of our everyday lives each of us would be a better person.

In our ritual we find a set of ideals, a testament of faith. Our challenge is to so implant these ideals and this faith in the hearts of our members that they will make these ideals a part of their lives.

As we accept these challenges, confident that the fraternities will remain an integral and essential part of our American college campuses, may we, like Tennyson's Ulysses, be "strong in will—to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."



VIP's in NPC for 1959-1961. l. to r., incoming officers: Miss Elizabeth Dyer, Chi Omega, treasurer; Mrs. William Nash, Alpha Xi Delta, secretary; Mrs. Joseph D. Grigsby, Delta Delta Delta, chairman. Retiring chairman, Mrs. Darrell R. Nordwall, Alpha Chi Omega.

As women's fraternity leaders from 29 groups met at the biennial National Panhellenic Conference at Boca Raton, Fla., November 9-13, 1959, thoughts turned to the rich heritage of the past and the current trends today in order to plan constructively for the future.

The report of the Extension Committee brought clearly into focus the need as expressed by many administrations for additional chapters on certain campuses, as well as the need for establishment of national fraternities on many others. Each National Panhellenic Conference group recognizes its responsibility to establish chapters when possible in order to provide fraternity membership opportunities to as many persons as possible.

As we consider fraternity and administrative objectives we realize that as we live up to our objectives of fostering a love of learning, stressing the highest social and moral standards and

The night of the final banquet at NPC's Boca Raton meetings, this is the way your Theta delegation looked! l. to r., Ellen Hofstead, NPC delegate; Mary Margaret Garrard, editor; Letty Munz, grand president; Helen Sackett, executive secretary-treasurer; Flivver Little, grand treasurer; Jinny Edwards, member at large, college program. Not in the picture, Monnie Banta, former Theta grand president and longtime NPC delegate, who left the meetings early, but whose welcome by her warm friends and admirers while she was present, was something to see!

Untapped Areas

• Ellen Bowers Hofstead

National Panhellenic Delegate

developing in our members a sense of responsibility for service we will indeed be complementing the program of the university.

This need to encourage intellectual curiosity was particularly well brought out in one of the finest reports of the Conference by Mrs. C. M. Jansky, Alpha Gamma Delta, chairman of the Citizenship Committee.

"There has been, for too long and with too many in this country, a cult of ignorance. Some have thought it smart to brag helplessly about lack of knowledge of certain matters or inability to cope with others. It is equally unprofitable for a student to select courses which can be passed for credit but which fail to give him the mental discipline basic to analytical thought, or to give him the historical or literary background to permit him to participate in intellectual intercourse.

"Knowledge is an important and useful tool. It is the source of inner enrichment and contentment. It promotes wise judgment and prepares one to meet the unforeseen with equilibrium. Are there not still untapped areas of human expression and creativity? Should not the leisure



released by scientific efficiency offer a welcome opportunity for the pursuit of philosophical, ethical and cultural experiences? By our own example and our influence, then, let us encourage industry of the mind for its own sake, knowing that its by-products will contribute greatly toward upholding the standards and criteria we want to preserve in our country."

To stress further the emphasis placed by the National Panhellenic Conference groups on learning, the following resolution presented by the College Panhellenics Committee was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, scholarship and the genuine love of learning are recognized as fundamental values and aims of all member fraternities of National Panhellenic Conference, and

"Whereas, setting of high standards of scholarship for all students is the prerogative and responsibility of the college or university, and assisting individual members in attaining these standards is the responsibility of the fraternities,

"BE IT RESOLVED that the member fraternities of the National Panhellenic Conference encourage in their chapters an even greater emphasis upon assisting pledges in their academic adjustment and upon encouraging high scholarly achievement on the part of all members."

As we view the heritage of National Panhellenic Conference groups we see that all were born with a vision of sisterhood. We find all founded as voluntary friendship groups choosing Greek letters to symbolize the Hellenic ideal of friendship. They originated from a desire of congenial groups to form definite bonds among themselves. They came into being to fulfill a need of youth not met in the formal academic life of our institutions of higher learning.

However, we find today many obstacles in the way of fostering a real understanding of fraternity as well as giving proper emphasis to fundamental ideals and purposes. We know that there are individuals and organizations working to confuse the meaning of fraternity and to destroy fraternities because, in so doing, they would destroy the strong voluntary association on the college level. In order to understand these forces we need to understand our adult society since the campus reflects community trends. As we do understand these forces we know that as we defend the fraternity system and clarify its meaning we are, in reality,



At Boca Raton NPC meetings Mrs. W. C. Roberts, Zeta Tau Alpha, chairman, NPC Awards Committee, presents new NPC Award to Sandra Ross (l.), Delta Zeta, president Auburn College Panhellenic and Fraternity Month Award to Janice Hahn, Alpha Chi Omega, president U. of Oklahoma College Panhellenic.*

defending the whole concept of a free community.

We need to define our system ourselves and understand that our right of free association is one guaranteed to us by the First Amendment to our United States Constitution. A part of our problem as stated by Mrs. Mary Love Collins, Chi Omega and chairman of the Research and Public Relations Committee is that "we haven't learned to crystallize and verbalize and reflect in conduct what we mean by American democracy." She adds, "Greek letter groups are private groups of friends, as private as a family. We do not choose our friends on the basis of disliking others. The right to choose our friends and associates is the most dynamic right in our democracy."

Will Durant has said, "No nation is ever destroyed unless it has first destroyed itself from within." May we who love and believe in the fraternity system have no part in destroying it through a failure to define our system and live up to our ideals and objectives." Mrs. Jansky's Citizenship Report ended with these thought provoking words, "The American Fraternity System rests on recognition of the Constitutional Right of voluntary association. Its preservation is the responsibility of everyone enjoying its blessings."

* The basis for the Fraternity Month Award was established as the first paragraph of the Panhellenic Creed, emphasizing fraternity ideals and standards. The NPC Award, gift of the NPC executive committee of 1955-1957 and given this year for the first time, places its emphasis on fraternity loyalties and friendships and its criteria are the last paragraph of the Panhellenic Creed.

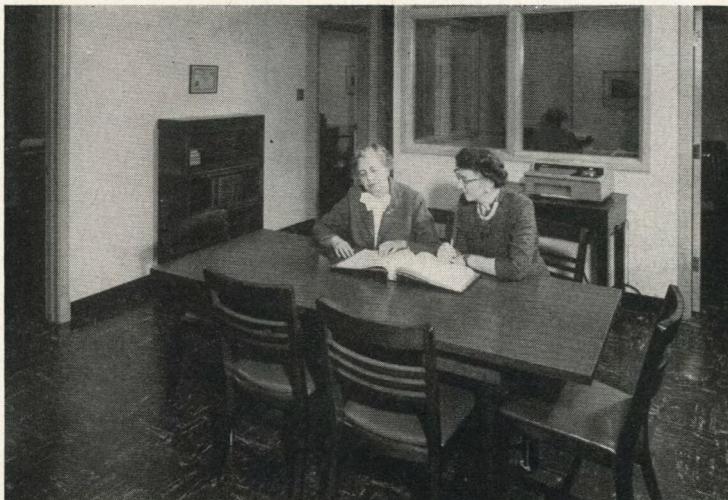


New

Thetas visiting the new Central Office will enter the reception room first (shown left). Relaxing there they can feel right at home viewing the Theta crest over bookcase and leaf through current fraternity magazines and books in the bookcase. To see Helen Sackett, EST, they will go through door on left; to go into conference room, take the door on the right.

Central Office

All those files you see (right) are you, and you and you—records of Thetas 'round the world. Helen Hand, who is in charge of records, (behind desk) here compares notes with Lucille Shields, Helen Sackett's secretary. Erma Harders (background) checks membership cards. The open door leads to storage and mailing room where all supplies are kept.



New

For conferences about and for Theta, this room (left) will be used. Right now Edna Bunnell (left), Theta bookkeeper, and Dora Grimes, receptionist, are checking records here. There are four private offices off of this room (no identification provided for the lady-with-her-back-to-you working so hard for Theta she coudn't stop!). In the bookcase, bound copies of the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine, back to 1892.

Theta's New Office



Executive Secretary-Treasurer Helen Sackett happily confers in her new office with Thetas Martha Morrill, director of finance (right) and Jeanne Gullett, associate executive secretary.

Kappa Alpha Theta's Central Office has a new address—1580 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill. And a New Look, too, in its suite of rooms on the third floor of the Williamsburg designed First National Bank Building. As many Thetas already know, national headquarters was moved last August from Chicago where it had been located for 20 years in the Civic Opera Building. The office was moved there from Ithaca, N.Y., in 1939, and was relocated three times within the Opera Building, each time to more spacious quarters.

Under advisement of the firm which conducted our national fraternity survey, Grand Council sought an answer to the problem of a new location for Central Office. Conclusions were that the office should be located out of the large metropolitan area. Evanston, Chicago's nearest North Shore suburb held the answer in less congested conditions, yet with sufficient population to supply office demands. The fraternity was fortunate in finding the necessary space in the First National Bank Building, situated in the suburb's business district where there are adequate parking facilities and easy transportation.

In addition to a satisfactory location, the new office has other advantages over the old one. The main asset is more space for cardex files, stencil cabinets and other necessary office equipment. There is a conference room where office meetings are held and a large storage room with

ample shelf space for all fraternity supplies. A reception room offers a pleasant place for visitors to relax. Of special interest to guests in the reception room are current fraternity publications, including magazines of many other fraternal organizations, and a glass display case where various items of fraternity significance are to be exhibited.

After the 1958 Grand Convention, the Central Office program was enlarged and so was its staff which now consists of nine persons. Members of the present staff are the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, the Associate Executive Secretary, Director of Finance, bookkeeper, two secretaries, recorder, catalogist and receptionist.

Central Office functions are many-fold as through this office most all details of fraternity business are processed. Overall functions of the office are to carry out the directives of Grand Council; keep all fraternity records; collect and disburse all funds of the fraternity with the exception of the Friendship Fund; edit and supervise printing and distribution of all fraternity printed matter with the exception of the *KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE*; supervise chapter finances and corporation finance; and handle orders, printing and shipments for installations and Grand Conventions.

Thus a new, enlarged Central Office provides better facilities for carrying on the extensive business program for a growing Kappa Alpha Theta.—JEANNE GULLETT.

Again—Founders' Day

introduction by **Alice Lease Gonser**

Vice President, Service Program-Friendship Fund

It is almost that time again and, human nature being what it is, the story of the four girls who founded Kappa Alpha Theta on January 27, 1870 needs re-telling each year lest it be forgotten. It needs re-telling to insure the continuing bond of Theta sisterhood of each generation. Founders' Day is the day of greeting old friends and making new ones. It is a day of sharing deep thoughts and happy memories as we live them through the words of the toast to our founders: "Through the valor and devotion of these women we owe the privilege of sisterhood . . ."

The finest expression of our sisterhood is Theta's Friendship Fund, as it provides a tangible way to share with others. How many of you stop to recall the meaning of this fund as the birthday box is passed for your contribution? Since this is a strictly confidential fund, few of us can realize the impact of our gift of money to our Thetas in dark hours of illness and financial stress. Each check is always sent with a letter expressing the love and concern of Thetas everywhere. Letters of gratitude which come from the recipients are a true testament to the true worth and merit of Kappa Alpha Theta.

- Many Founders' Day programs are not planned in time for them to be announced in the **KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE**. However, we think it worthwhile to list those where advance information is available. Do try to attend a celebration in your own area.

State	Alumnae Group	Sites and Times
California	Berkeley Sacramento Valley	Feb. 13—2:30 at chapter house. Jan. 30—12:00 noon at Del Prado Restaurant.
	San Diego	Jan. 27—6:30 banquet. Chairman Mary Maddox Taylor.
	San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin	Jan. 27—12:30 at California Golf Club: Hostess: San Mateo.
	Santa Barbara	Feb. 13—12:30 pot luck buffet at home of Virginia Nye Butz, 2150 Alston Road.
Colorado	Denver	Jan. 30—12:30 at Denver Country Club.
District of Columbia	Washington	Feb. 13—Luncheon at Shoreham Hotel.
Florida	Miami	Jan. 23—12:00 noon in University Room, Dupont Plaza Hotel.
Illinois	Evanston	Jan. 13—7:30 dessert at chapter house. Chairman: Dorothy Goheen Thorne.
Indiana	Bloomington	1:30 tea at home of Opal Carr Kerr, 321 N. Woodlawn.
Kansas	Topeka	Feb. 15—6:30 at Holliday Inn-South.
Massachusetts	Boston	Jan. 27—6:30 dinner at Pillar House, Newton, Rt. #128 & #16.
Michigan	Lansing-East Lansing	Jan. 27—6:30 banquet. Speaker: Mary Brandriff, grand vice president.
Missouri	Kansas City	Jan. 23—Luncheon at Kansas City Country Club.
Minnesota	St. Louis	March 12—12:30 at Le Chateau, Ladue, Mo.
Nebraska	Minneapolis, St. Paul Lincoln	St. Paul hostess. Jan. 19—1:00 luncheon at home of Mrs. Corwin Moore.

	Omaha	Feb. 2—7:00 dinner at home of Willa Davis Seeman, 2218 N. 56th St.
Nevada	Reno	Date depends on Feb. Winter Olympic Games in area.
New York	Long Island	Jan. 28—1:30 at home of Mrs. W. M. Churchill, 345 Carpenter Ave., Sea Cliff, L.I. In event of snow, will be held Feb. 4.
	New York City	Jan. 27—6:30 buffet supper at Hotel Beverly.
Ohio	Cincinnati	Jan. 30—Luncheon at Kenwood Country Club.
	Cleveland	Jan. 18—At home of Lois Champney Cornell, 19000 S. Woodland Rd., Shaker Heights. Speaker: Dr. Harry Taylor, pastor of Church of the Covenant.
	Columbus	Jan. 30—12:00 noon at University Club.
	Dayton	Jan. 19—6:30 at Trailsend Club. Speaker: Mary Egerton Miller, alumnae president, District X.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Feb. 13—12:30 at Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. Chairman: Margaret Ellen Randerson Fellers.
	Tulsa	Jan. 26—7:00 banquet at Tulsa Country Club.
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Feb. 13—Luncheon at Treadway Inn, St. David's, Pa. Beta Eta chapter actives invited.
Texas	Pittsburgh	Jan. 23—12:30 at University Club.
	Austin	March—Held in connection with chapter's initiation banquet.
	Dallas	Feb.—Banquet at Student Union Bldg., SMU campus.
Washington	Spokane	Jan. 30—12:30 luncheon at Manito Golf and Country Club.
Wisconsin	Appleton	Feb. 15—6:30 at St. Joseph's school gym.
	Milwaukee	Jan. 19—12:30 at Capitol Terrace.
Canada	Toronto	Feb. 3—Banquet at Granite Club.

Theta Lips Are Smiling

• Speaking of Founders' Day, Louella W. Belknap says Thetas smiled at the one held last year at Austin when the old Theta house at the University of Texas was described thus: There was no central heating 50 years ago. Wood stoves tended by the girls themselves, even to carrying out the ashes, heated the drafty house. . . . The house had two bathrooms, one with a new tub but no hot water connection; the other with a repainted tub (the paint never got dry). The girls had to make a choice between a hot bath with paint flecks or a cold bath in the new tub!

• Actives and alums, getting together for Founders' Day, might heed the experience of Missouri Thetas. In a joint session of "oldsters and youngsters" at the University of Missouri, the actives began a rousing chorus of "So Ring Out Three Cheers," but reports Karen Ordahl for the actives, "We could easily tell by the aghast faces of the alums that something was wrong. It appears that this song was sung slowly, *with dignity*, in the earlier years!"

Everyone smiled again, however, the violation of tradition soon forgotten.

Our Legacies

A Fraternity Heritage

As our fraternity grows older we have more and more relatives of members entering college each year. Are we making the most of them?

In the majority of cases it is our loss when a legacy does not choose Theta or is not chosen by a Theta chapter. Families usually share similar ideals, and that fact in itself persuasively indicates that each legacy should be thought of as potential material. Each chapter should realize that in pledging a legacy they are not only gaining a new member, but are often also reviving the interest and loyalty of a number of alumnae. On the other hand, whether justified or not, the fact remains that each time a legacy is not chosen the support and interest of a number of alumnae is often lost.

Certainly we would assume that no Theta chapter would ever discriminate against anyone because she was a legacy. We must realize that no legacy can change her status whether she is pleased with it or not.

After each chapter considers these points in addition to the potentialities of the individual girls, then, of course, the final decision must be theirs. They alone are qualified to decide whether or not a girl will be a congenial, happy member of their group. No chapter can be expected to pledge a girl just because she is a legacy, but a legacy does merit special consideration. In the final analysis each member might ask herself two questions:

"How would I feel if I were the legacy?"

"How would I feel if it were my sister or my daughter?"

On the other hand, the family and friends of a legacy should approach the matter with a degree of objectivity. No girl should be given the idea that she must join the group of which she is a legacy or that the group should or must pledge her.

Relatives and friends should interest girls entering colleges in fraternity membership rather than membership in a particular group. There are so many fine national fraternities all working toward the same general objectives that we should do all that we can to make membership in a fraternity available to as many as possible. The most important thing of all is for each girl to have an opportunity for fraternity membership where she will be happiest. She should feel the same freedom to choose a group that the group feels in choosing or not choosing her.

Here again we have an opportunity to make our ritual and our vows a part of our everyday lives. Let us make the most of it.

*(Reprinted from Spring 1954 and Spring 1956
at request of Grand Council.)*

• **Ellen B. Hofstead**
Former Grand President

Attention Theta Teachers!

Have you applied for the two thousand dollar fellowship for advanced study to be awarded for the first time to a Theta teacher of ten year's experience by

Theta Loan and Fellowship Committee

at Grand Convention, June 1960?

For details and application blank write to

Miss Helen Sackett, Suite 342, 1580 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois

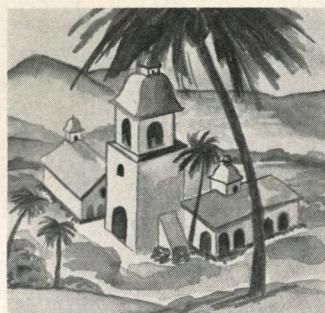
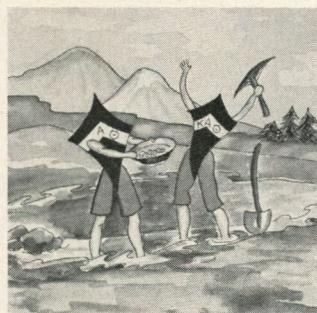
Remember:

Applications must be completed by April 1, 1960

WHAT CONVENTION WILL COST

Hotel—	\$80.00—American Plan for the five days
Transportation—	See sample rail fares below or consult your local agent
Registration Fee—	\$20.00—includes Kite, favors and all tipping at the hotel
Sightseeing trips and Post-Convention Tours extra	

Convention Pre-Views



Have you started making plans? Theta's Grand Convention is to be held June 17-22, 1960 at the Hotel del Coronado, a deluxe hotel in a fabulous state, surrounded by California climate and country. You will want to attend convention, and perhaps bring your family along. Convention rates apply to family members, too, and are in effect before and after convention as well.

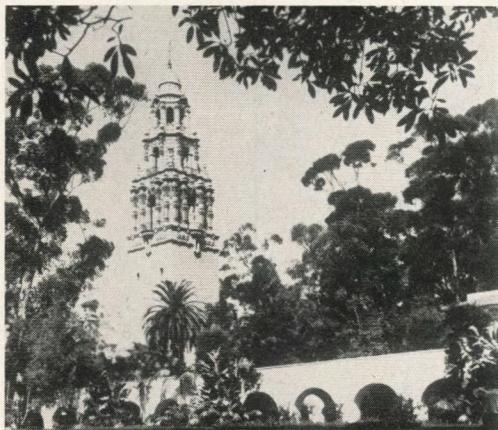
Of course convention means meetings for Theta business, meetings with Theta friends and Theta fun all 'round. But in those spare moments the Coronado offers such activities as you rarely find all in one place. There is a large Surfside Pool, filled with warmed, filtered salt water. Immediately adjoining the pool are five championship tennis courts. There is sailing, aquaplaning, free-boarding or water skiing just at hand, as well as deep-sea fishing, which is labeled a "must." There is also golf, horseback riding, shuffleboard.

SAMPLE RAIL FARES

Quoted below are round trip first-class and coach class railroad fares from various cities, including 10% Federal Tax:

To San Diego	First Class	Coach
Chicago, Ill.	\$153.40	\$114.85
St. Louis, Mo.	145.15	109.01
Kansas City, Mo.	125.35	96.36
Minneapolis, Minn.	149.66	114.84
Denver, Colo.	97.85	77.22
New Orleans, La.	145.15	113.85
Oklahoma City, Okla.	114.18	89.21
Boston, Mass.	294.44	196.39
Seattle, Wash.	118.47	84.76
Detroit, Mich.	194.04	139.87
Cleveland, Ohio	201.47	143.94
Jacksonville, Fla.	193.93	144.38
New York City, N.Y.	277.31	184.75

Pullman fares, including 10% Federal Tax, Chicago to Los Angeles, in each direction, are as follows:
Lower—\$26.62; Roomette—\$37.18; Double Bedroom—\$58.36.



An important landmark of San Diego's 1400-acre Balboa Park is California Tower, a remarkable example of Spanish-Moorish architecture. The Park also contains facilities for concerts, theatre presentations, art exhibits and the world famous San Diego Zoo.

Go to San Diego and not see the sights. Incredible and impossible! All Theta convention-goers will want to take advantage of at least one, or all, of the three local sight-seeing tours which are being offered by your convention managers. These are the Harbor Excursion, Tijuana, and a City Tour, which will include La Jolla and the Zoo.

The Harbor Excursion is a beautiful 25-mile boat trip with a view of the San Diego coastline, returning in the inner harbor past the Naval Air Station and down "Warship Row." Because of its 22 square miles of landlocked harbor, San Diego is one of the focal points of the Pacific coast for the U. S. Navy. Anchored in the "Harbor of the Sun" is a cross section of the Navy, plus, when in port, the latest type of

Convention Sightseeing Tours

fighting ships. Guides, experienced in nautical matters, will point all this out to you.

The Tijuana Tour will take you to Mexico! Leaving in early evening, dinner is provided at a world-renowned restaurant selected for its fine food. Next, on to see the thrilling Jai Alai games at the Fronton Palacio or to the Greyhound Dog Races in Caliente. And that's not all. Free time is allowed before leaving for shopping or visiting gay spots, with a return to San Diego about midnight.

But perhaps it's San Diego itself you want to see most. If so, it's the City Tour you will want to sign up for. Besides La Jolla and the Zoo, this trip will take you to Balboa Park, scene of two World's Fairs; Mission Hills residential section, Old Town, Ramona's marriage place, one of California's oldest landmarks; Lindbergh Field with its great airplane center; Marine Base, Naval Training Station and on to famous Point Loma with its historic Old Spanish Lighthouse. The return trip is made via Sunset Cliffs, Ocean Beach and Loma Portal.



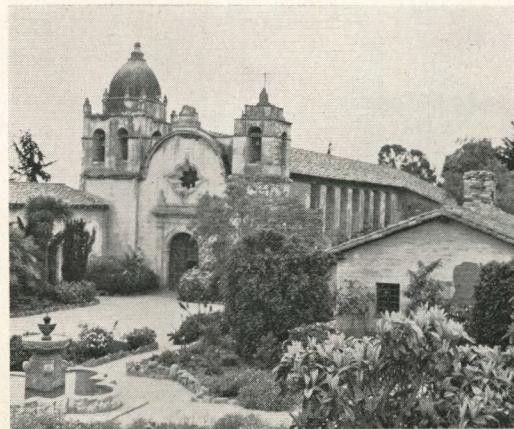
Anyone visiting San Diego should not miss the Harbor (left) or Point Loma (right). The Harbor is one of the busiest in the nation. In background, San Diego Civic Center. At Point Loma the Cabrillo National Monument commemorates the discovery of California at San Diego in 1542 by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. The Old Spanish Lighthouse serves as an observation point to view the city and bay and down the Mexican coastline.



Post-Convention Tours

1. California Tour. Cost: \$97.90 per person. Time: four days. June 23-26.

The tour leaves Los Angeles by motor coach on Thursday morning, June 23, ending in San Francisco Sunday evening. The trip includes visits to Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Santa Barbara and its Mission, Monterey, Carmel, the Santa Cruz grove of Giant Redwoods and Stanford University. The drive goes along the Pacific coastline, through the Santa Ynez and Santa



Who has not heard of the famous missions of southern California? One of the best known of these is the Carmel Mission, shown here, which will be a feature of Theta's post-convention California tour.

Cruz Mountains. The tour ends with a comprehensive trip around San Francisco.

The cost includes hotel accommodations of twin bed rooms Thursday night through Sunday night and all meals but four. For further information contact Miss Mildred Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, The Santa Fe Railway, 80 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

2. Hawaiian Tour. Cost: \$283.00 minimum per person double plus tax and jet service charge. Time: seven days. June 23-29.

The tour will leave Los Angeles on Thursday, June 23, via United's DC-8 Mainliner Air Coach, return to Los Angeles on Wednesday, June 29. The week may be spent sunning, sailing, shopping in glamorous Waikiki, or may be used for optional sightseeing tours. These include an all-day 90-mile drive around Oahu, Mt. Tantalus or Koko Head Drives, a Pearl Harbor Boat Cruise, a three-day Maui-Hawaii tour or overnight tour to Kauai.

Cost includes round trip plane fare from Los Angeles, European plan hotel accommodations at the Hawaiian Village Hotel and limousine transfers in Honolulu. All meals and sightseeing trips on Oahu or to the other islands are extra and anyone who wishes may extend the length of the tour at additional cost. For further information contact Mr. J. O. Fassett, United Air Lines, 35 East Monroe St., Chicago 3, Ill.



If you decide to take the post-convention tour to Hawaii, here are two scenes that you will see—the famous beaches and palm trees plus the Hawaiian dancing girl with her lei of flowers performing for your entertainment.



Convention Executive Committee

Informal, casual, as southern California itself, l. to r. back, Esther Elzey Cleaves, Virginia Noon Wilson. Front, Carol Coffin Craig, Patty Poe Cooper Kable.

Esther Elzey Cleaves, chairman, Grand Convention Executive Committee, has served Theta for many years, retiring in 1959 as college president, District VII, after completing two terms. Her home chapter is Purdue (Alpha Chi). She has been a member of alumnae chapters in Kansas City, Wichita, Westwood and San Diego, California. In San Diego she has worked with the San Diego State chapter, as pledge advisor and Advisory Board chairman. She was written up as a "distinguished Theta" in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE in 1942. As the wife of Prentiss Cleaves, who has an industrial specialties company, she shares in his trips and especially shares his enthusiasm for Mexico.

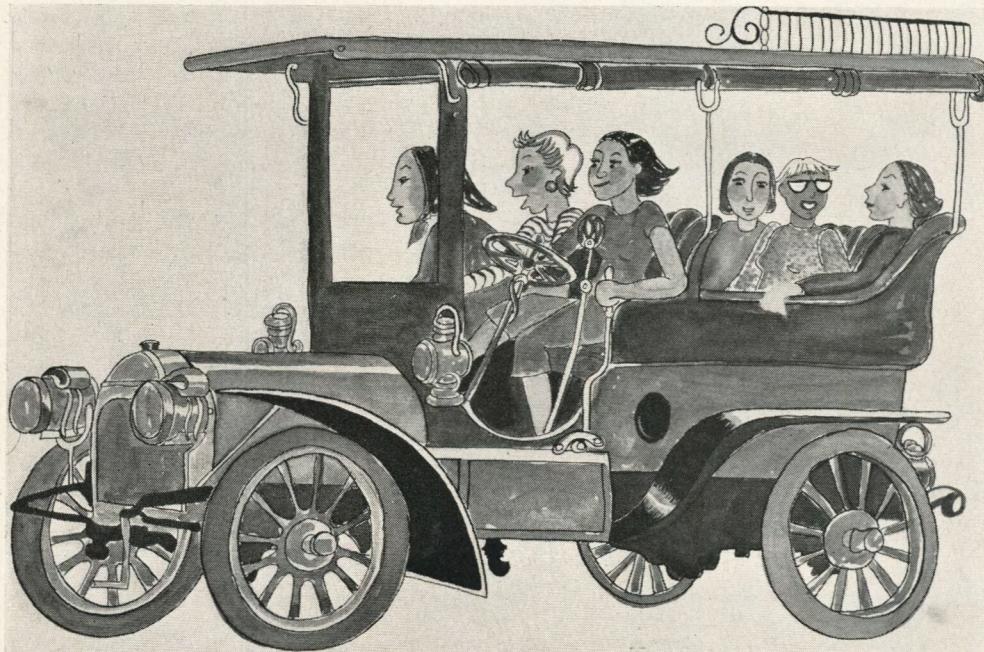
Patty Poe Cooper Kable, social chairman, is from UC at Berkeley (Omega). She has been active in the San Diego Alumnae Chapter, serving for five years on the Board, two of these as president. At present she is a member of the House Corporation Board for the San Diego State chapter. Patty is married to Commander Donald M. Kable, executive officer of the

Amphibious Base at Coronado. They have lived in New London, Conn., Honolulu, Philadelphia, San Diego. When she is not busy with her two children, Lucy and Mark, Patty finds time for many community activities and two hobbies, gardening and cooking.

Virginia Noon Wilson, marshal of the convention, was a member of San Diego State (Gamma Sigma) chapter and has continued her interest by serving on the House Corporation and as Alumnae Big Sister chairman on the local Alumnae Board. Virginia was San Diego alumna delegate to the Banff convention in 1956. Her home community has seen her active in Red Cross, Girl Scouts, PTA and her church. Virginia, her husband, who is a San Diego high school principal, and their daughter Sally, spend their vacations at their cabin in Arrowhead. Her particular interests are gardening and youth activities.

Carol Coffin Craig, registration chairman, was a member and president of Ohio State (Alpha Gamma) chapter. She served actively in the Cleveland, Washington, D.C. and Youngstown alumnae groups before moving to San Diego where she has served on the Alumnae Board and as rush advisor for San Diego State. Carol has varied community interests having been on such boards as YWCA, Camp Fire Girls, Childrens' Hospital, Junior League and others. She, husband Robert, who is with Convair Astronautics, and their two children, Brian and Natalie, live in San Diego.

California, Here We Come!



Here's Housing

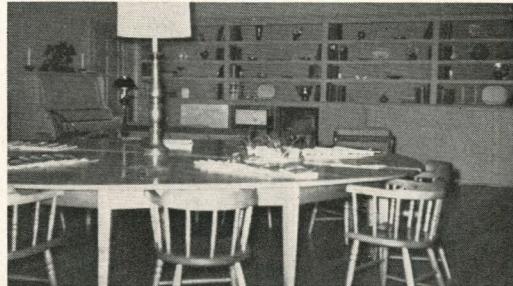
Three Chapters Make Improvements

Denison (Beta Tau)

When the girls of Beta Tau left in June 1958 the "Wee White House" was in the middle of "Operation Remodeling." When we had our last addition in 1930 the chapter had an enrollment of 30. Now we have over 70 girls.

Our present sorority house was built in 1809 as the first residential home in Granville and was bought in 1905 for \$1200 by our local, Chi Psi Delta. At that time, the house consisted of a small living room, a card room, powder room and a kitchen, with two bedrooms and a bath upstairs. The big living room was added in 1926 and in April 1958 the ground was broken for the new wing. A list of the committees involved are an architectural Committee; Dads' Committee; Building Campaign Organization; Special Gifts Committee, headed by Vivian Critchfield Fox; General Solicitation Committee with Betty Hatch Osmer, president of the House Corporation, Isabel Hatch Hervey; Marion Jones VanVoorhis, the Chapter House Advisor, and many other helping hands.

Mrs. Wilkinson, our house mother, now has her own kitchen, bathroom facilities and sitting room on the first floor. We now have a beautiful recreation room with a huge maple round table. This room is used for study, banquets, chapter meetings—just about everything including dining and dancing facilities for as many as 150 people. There is a new connecting storage room



Denison's spacious new rec room can be converted to provide dining and dancing for 150 people.

off of the rec room with a new furnace and incinerator. The kitchen was renovated with the installation of a new disposal.

The highlight of the house is the many closets we now have—we are hunting things with which to fill them! And the original part of the house was all redecorated.

What was done in the old section of the Theta house? Painting, carpeting, furniture added, re-upholstering, new draperies—in other words, "the works!"

And now that I've tried to give you a brief picture of the new addition to Denison's chapter house, why don't you come see it for yourself? Yes . . . the now big "Wee White House" is certainly a place for all Thetas at home and abroad to be very proud of.

● Nancy Weaver



Known as the "Wee White House," Denison's Theta house has been completely remodeled to provide quarters for the house-mother, a new recreation room, additional storage, a renovated kitchen—and, so many closets it's heavenly!

Oklahoma State (Beta Zeta)

Christmas of 1957 brought a lovely and lasting gift to Beta Zeta. The gift was the remodeling and redecorating of the chapter house which was completed one week before Christmas vacation.

The first thing you see upon entering the house is the beautiful foyer illuminated by a hanging chandelier. There is an archway separating this foyer from the living room. The walls are painted an ivory white, the wall-to-wall carpet is green and the draperies are beige print. A fireplace centers one wall. The room is furnished with brown, beige and green furniture.

These colors are carried out in the music room which adjoins the living room. There is never a time when someone is not playing the piano with a group of girls singing, and at the same time there is a foursome at the bridge table in the corner.

The formal dining room completes the triangle of rooms. Three of the walls are painted white and the fourth wall consists of French windows and mirrors surrounding a fireplace. The first floor also boasts our pride and joy—the dining room which has facilities to serve one

hundred girls. This large room has also been the setting for many of our parties and dances, such as the Twin Star Formal and Kat's Meow Halloween party.

A guest bath, a modern kitchen and enlarged hostess quarters are also part of the first floor. The housemother's quarters now consist of a bedroom, bath and a half, and a sitting room.

The second and third floors include the house's twenty-two bedrooms. Color schemes are pastel walls with brown bedspreads throughout. The halls are carpeted in a light beige tone. Almost all the rooms are three-girl rooms with large builtin closets and drawer space added.

New lounges on second and third floors make an enjoyable place to hold gab-fests. The second floor lounge includes washing and ironing facilities closed off by leather accordion-pleated sliding doors. Also to be found are candy and coke machines. The more popular lounge, on third floor, is complete with a television set.

We of Beta Zeta never let a day go by without thanking the wonderful alumnae who made our home possible—Ruth Hill Wilber, Mary Wayne Gamble Monnett, Marguerite Richardson Fenton, Mary Thatcher Smith, Margaret Jane Swank, Maxine Finch Swank, Bernice Wilcox Jones, Lucile Grady Allen—all of Beta Zeta, and the Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter.

Our beautiful new home has provided us with the perfect setting for gracious living.

● Dorothy Darling

South Dakota (Alpha Rho)

Alpha Rho of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of South Dakota has been working on a long range plan of remodeling and redecorating its chapter house. The project of remodeling the red brick structure at the corner of Clark and



Christmas present for Thetas at Oklahoma State U. two years ago was the remodeling and redecorating of their chapter house (left). The president of the chapter received a special present, too—a private office off her bedroom (above left). The way her desk is cleaned off it looks as though Oklahoma State Thetas don't give her much trouble, doesn't it?



Count the last five windows on the first floor back of the South Dakota Theta house (right in picture) and this will show you the new addition, increasing capacity of house to 41 girls. Imagine tufty blue carpet and soft lighting in the newly redecorated living room (below, left) and you'll want to move right in!



Plum started in the spring of 1957 and was finished before the fall school term. This summer the rest of the project was completed by re-carpeting and redecorating the older first floor section of the house.

The remodeling consisted of a \$93,000 addition which included a new chapter room, laundry room, drying room and bathroom in the basement, and a new dining room, kitchen, store-room, TV room and enlarged facilities for the housemother on the first floor. Four bedrooms, a large tiled bathroom and a sun deck were added to the second floor, and two of the old bedrooms were converted into a large lounge. To the third floor were added four new bedrooms and a tiled bath. We now have a capacity for 41 girls.

All this would have been impossible without the help from our alums: Dorothy Chaney Collins, Katherine Olson March, Ruth Payne Fuller and Barbara Brookman Mahoney who were on the building committee; and Irene Parmley Trotzig, June Jacobsen Anderson, Barbara Croson Colvin, Jeanne Redfield Kracht and Linda Foght McKee who served as the decorating committee.

The new dining room which is done in a wedgewood blue, the general color theme of the first floor, is 21' x 39' and is such an improvement over the old dining room which measured 16'3" x 21'8". Our new cook enjoys her duties in a spacious, sunny yellow kitchen which features large natural finished cabinets.

The new bedrooms, done in pastel shades, feature limed oak sliding doors which conceal large closets and are the envy of the girls living in the older section of the house. Add individual study tables, limed oak furniture and individual decorating taste, and you have rooms of which college girls anywhere would be proud.

By far the most enjoyed part of the new addition is a brick-tiled sun deck which opens from our second floor lounge. In spring, this sun deck becomes a veritable study hall, bridge parlor and beach.

After the completion of the new addition three years ago, the girls began to plan towards re-carpeting and redecorating the old first floor section of the house. With the help of our alums, Dorothy Chaney Collins, Norma Wickham Ekman, Joan Holter and June Woodward Wagner, and our house manager Sherry Lane, this project was realized this summer.

One would never recognize our entryway, living room and TV room. A new tufty blue carpet replaces a worn out green carpet, and with the addition of new lamps and newly redecorated furniture, they are beautiful.

● Connie Kegaries

WOMEN ALWAYS LIKE to move furniture around and rearrange houses. And just give them a chance to plan new color schemes! Thetas who worked on the three houses told about here had fun doing it, besides improving living for the girls. Some chapters, like Nevada (on our cover) are still "working at" their changes. These stories will appear later.

People-to-People

● **Mary X. Plummer**

Service Program-Philanthropy Fund

Asked to submit a report showing Theta's activities which are in line with President Eisenhower's People-to-People Program, here is what Theta can proudly tell she has done to foster better relations with people in other countries:

The Service Program of Kappa Alpha Theta has as two of its divisions, the Loan and Fellowship Fund and the Philanthropy Fund. Under the Loan and Fellowship Fund, the fraternity has granted at different times, six fellowships to foreign students. It has proven to be a rewarding experience from the reports which have come from the recipients. Following is a bit about them.

Johanna C. Hudig from Rotterdam, Holland, was granted a fellowship in the amount of \$1500 in 1946. She did her graduate study at the University of Chicago, and shortly after her return to Holland was appointed the first woman judge in Holland, at the Court of Rotterdam. Her work was with juvenile delinquents and her field, delinquency prevention. In September, 1958, Miss Hudig accepted a position as part-time professor of the law department at the University of Utrecht, in child law and child welfare. Judge Hudig's comment in a recent letter was, "I am sure I should not have accomplished this work without the knowledge and experience gathered in the States with the help of your fraternity."

In 1946 Marta Ossa Reygadas came from Santiago, Chile, to the University of Southern California to accept a \$1500 fellowship. In 1949, this young woman participated in a contest for the whole of Latin America and won a position at the International Labour Office (specialized agency of the United Nations) at Geneva, Switzerland, where she remained for four years, writing reports, translating and doing telephonic interpretations. The last report from Miss Reygadas was that she was the Chief Legal Adviser of the Central Joint Committee of Salaries in Santiago.

In 1948 a fellowship of \$1500 was granted to Eva Vrslova. Her home was in Prague, Czechoslovakia, and she did her graduate work in so-

cial studies at Columbia University in New York City.

Dr. Maria Esther Aguirre from Sucre, Bolivia, was enabled to do graduate study at Tufts College, Boston, and at New York University Dental College for a period of two years. She was awarded two fellowships of \$1500 each. Her work was in Oral Surgery, Oral Pathology, Nutrition, Oral Pediatrics and Periodontia. Her expressive remarks concerning her stay in the United States were: "All these studies have added considerably to my skill and knowledge, but my visit to the United States has been a very rich experience, not only for the graduate studies that I undertook, but because I have learned how to live and understand people with different customs, backgrounds and cultures. The opportunity to meet with many people from distant nations forms a kind of bridge of understanding and friendship. At school we shared our experiences more intimately. A continual interchange of ideas about different backgrounds, both professionally and culturally, provided us with a broader, more intelligent and appreciative outlook. Moreover, our common professional interest bound us together in one compact unit."

Shanta Vasishth came from Delhi, India, to the University of Chicago, where after two years of study, she received her M.A. degree from the School of Social Service Administration. A fellowship grant of \$2000 aided her. On her return to India, Shanta helped with the "first general elections in the country on adult franchise basis." She has held the positions of Parliamentary secretary to the State Government, and Deputy Minister in charge of Education. Her appreciation for her experience in the United States was expressed as follows: "I hope and wish that American people will always be known for their friendship and goodwill towards all peoples; their great traditions and goodness; their simple humility and greatness; their natural warmth and affection. I have seen and known this spirit amongst many Thetas I have known and have had the honour of having some of them as my close and dear friends."

The Institute of Logopedics at Wichita, Kansas, is the major philanthropy of Kappa Alpha Theta. The general purpose of the Institute is the alleviation and prevention of individual human speech, hearing and language disorders. In 1954 Miss Liv Sand Johannessen came to the Institute of Logopedics from her home in Oslo, Norway, to study logopedics as applied to the individuals with cerebral palsy. Through the United States Educational Foundation in Norway, Miss Johannessen first learned of the complete clinical professional training and research programs offered at the Institute and secured a Fulbright scholarship in order to take advantage of this specialized training.

While at the Institute, Miss Johannessen received two Kappa Alpha Theta scholarships in the amounts of \$250 each. She received her M.A. degree from the University of Wichita in June 1957. Soon thereafter, she returned to Oslo, and began work in four different clinics for the cerebral palsied. At the present time she is working in two clinics, one which is operated by the Norwegian government, and the other one which is supported in part by philanthropy, by the government and by the parents of the cerebral palsied children.

Through investment in the lives of dedicated individuals such as Miss Johannessen, Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity is helping to open the doors of adequate communication and independence to countless individuals in another corner of the world who would otherwise be deprived of man's most important tool—speech.

In 1942, Eta chapter at the University of Michigan, adopted a war orphan under the Foster Parents' Plan. Since that time, ninety Theta groups have participated in the Plan's work. At the present time, twenty-six college chapters and five alumnae groups have foster children located in Europe and Korea. Since 1942 through July 1959, Kappa Alpha Theta has given over \$98,000 to the support of this very worthy program.

Many college chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta have participated in the "foreign exchange student" program. College members have cooperated with the directors of the program to make it possible for foreign women students to come to American colleges, to live in women's fraternity houses, and to take back to their own countries a knowledge of the ideals of the fraternity women of the United States.

Thus, Theta serves "people-to-people."

Tau's People-to-People

(Tying in with the above, the following article arrived just as we were going to press.—EDITOR)

Horizons can widen in so many ways, but one of the best is contact—person to person contact. The Tau Thetas of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, had this wonderful experience. For fifteen months, from fall 1957 to December 1958, Elizabeth Swyne, graduate student in journalism from Sydney, Australia, dined at the Theta house. In return she introduced Thetas to the world "down-under" and incidentally to a warm, outgoing personality.

Taus eagerly followed Elizabeth when she left Northwestern for New York, and then New York for Russia. In the Soviet Union she went over 1,500 miles interviewing men of the clothing industry for her employer, the trade

magazine with the name *Linens and Domestics*.

International mail overflowed the Theta house, and now back in New York, Elizabeth keeps them informed of her always exciting life. Welcome wherever Thetas may be, Elizabeth often drops in to chat.

The friendship between Taus and their adopted sister has been so rewarding they have decided to invite Maria, a student from Italy, to fill the vacant chair.

When Elizabeth left she presented the Thetas with a "Joey," a toy kangaroo, the symbol of Australia. Joey now sits proudly in the Theta trophy case, symbol of an enriching and continuing friendship.

• **Mary Livingston**
• **Sheila Tillotson**

Vivacious and Versatile

● **Ann Loehnert Kitzmiller**

Columbus Alumnae Chapter



She puts Sherlock Holmes to shame, does
Betty Miller Snider, Ohio State Theta.

Vivacious and versatile, Betty Miller Snider, Alpha Gamma and graduate of Ohio State University in marketing, is just about the busiest member of the Columbus Alumnae Chapter. She is a past vice president of the Columbus alumnae, served as president for two years and treasurer for three years. For the past six years, she has been the Permanent Alumnae Secretary, her proudest accomplishment being that she has located all but two of the 1,150 initiates and affiliates. "Never say die"—for she still has hopes of locating these two "lost" Alpha Gammas! Twice a year, petite Betty tackles a "man-sized job" by sending out letters—one of these is a newsletter which reaches every Alpha Gamma each summer. Betty has been the State Chairman for the past 2 1/2 years trying to trace lost Ohio Thetas. Believe me, she can put Sherlock Holmes to shame! (For other news of State Chrm. and Perm. Alum. Secys., turn to pages 36 and 37—Ed.)

The Columbus alumnae look to Betty for loyalty and support since she has served on various committees of the chapter and has been a member of the board for some years. She is also a member of the Alumnae Relations committee

to the active chapter. Likewise Betty has served capably as District Convention manager both in 1955 and at the most recent Convention in Granville last April.

For the past four years, she has been on the House Corporation and was recently elected treasurer and a member of the House Maintenance committee for two years. This past year, she was treasurer of the Theta Mothers' Club and last year was chairman of the card party—the largest money raising project of the year.

Besides her loyalty and devotion to Theta, Betty somehow manages to find time for many civic and community activities. She was a charter member of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and has served as treasurer of the Bexley unit, has been a member of various PTA boards, room mother many times and this year found time to be room mother for two rooms. She served as Club chairman of the Community Chest Drive and the United Appeals and has been active in the Ohio State University Development Fund; she is now the East End chairman. Any community drive has found Betty a willing worker—one year she worked on seven drives.

Broad Street Presbyterian Church has looked to Betty for leadership. She has served in every leadership capacity in her guild as well as chairman of the big Christmas Bazaar. She has been toastmistress, chairman of decorations, and has given the toast to the daughters for the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. She has also taught Sunday School.

Betty has been chairman of the Big Junior Dancing Club for high school juniors and seniors and president of the high school sorority's Mothers' Club. With her husband Van, OSU graduate and Sigma Chi, she helped organize the Cub Scout pack at Maryland Avenue school, has been a den mother and has served on the Girl Scout committee for five years.

Betty's greatest honor was bestowed upon her in 1951 when she was voted the outstanding

alumna of any sorority on the OSU campus during Greek Week festivities. Her proudest possession is the engraved plaque which she received.

Even though she does most of her own work, Betty somehow manages to squeeze in all her interests and activities but as she states "Always my family and home come first." Betty is the busy mother of Susan, an OSU graduate and Theta, just recently married and living in California; Sally, who will enter Ohio State University in the fall; and Van, Jr., a sportsminded

7th grader. Betty and Van are faithful spectators at his football and basketball games.

Betty's hobbies are many and varied—she loves to collect Lennox china and milk glass, garden, make candles, knit, Swedish embroidery, cook, collect recipes and try new dishes, African violets, read and play bridge. She and Van enjoy bridge, bowling, vacations in Michigan, all football games and each year they design their very clever Christmas cards. Betty has indeed found the secret of abundant living as her personality radiates throughout all phases of life.

Modern Day Colonizer

Untiring and devoted service to her community has been the contribution of Ethel Obetz Fullenwider, University of Michigan (Eta), and the Detroit Alumnae chapter is proud of her civic activities. These activities span more than thirty years and encompass an era when numerous individual communities became integrated into sprawling Detroit. For years Ethel helped create some of the precedents and projects of the Redford Woman's Club. She was one of five members of the League of Women Voters honored for more than twenty-five years of active participation. In the 1930's she was asked to join the board of the Central Branch of the YWCA and to aid in adjusting the facilities of the building to prepare for the increasing number of young women coming into the city as the war years approached.

Also at this time, the growing population of northwest Detroit where Ethel lived was a major factor in the expansion of the YWCA. Ethel was chairman of the committee for soliciting funds to establish a northwest branch. With the aid of women's clubs, church auxiliaries and the Metropolitan Board, the group progressed from a desk in the community house to a one room building on a side street to a two room center in the busiest area. Today after surmounting the numerous and varied problems of "colonization" the Northwest Branch occupies a building of its own and in it the Crafts Room has been designated the ETHEL O. FULLENWIDER Room, giving her well-deserved honor.



Ethel Obetz Fullenwider

We not only commend Ethel's community contributions but her participation in Theta's Detroit Alumnae Chapter. Ethel, who received her fifty year certificate in 1957, can claim a unique and rich Theta background. Her mother was a Butler (Gamma) initiate in 1878 as was her aunt in 1876. In addition, she has a Theta sister, a daughter, Janet Fullenwider Foster—past president of the Dallas Alumnae chapter, plus another aunt and two Theta cousins. Her busy, productive life is an example to her Theta sisters.

• Patricia Lewis Fletcher

(Detroit Alumnae)

Why Not a Woman?

A woman president?

Well . . . maybe.

But Hot Springs' first woman attorney can't visualize a member of her sex in this nation's top executive position except possibly in the far distant future.

Mrs. Bess Newsom Florence, Vanderbilt (Alpha Eta), who has been a close observer of women in politics since first establishing her law office in Hot Springs, Ark. in 1922, says their service has been exceptional in the U.S. Senate and in Congress. Others have made valuable contribution in various judicial and state offices and she can even picture a woman serving as vice president of her country. Mrs. Florence makes it plain, however, that most women are lacking in general political experience, gained through party organization. "Women, like men, should be elected to office on their merits," she declares.

Mrs. Florence believes that women, as they accept their responsibility of working and voting in their party will naturally accept responsibility in public office. "I think every woman should work, and work hard. . . shoulder to shoulder with the men in their party. . . When a woman takes a genuine interest in politics she usually becomes better informed than men." As for voting, she reiterates that she dislikes to see women vote as a unit. "I want each of them to vote her own convictions."

Today, Bess Florence, who prefers chancery practice, has gotten away from general law in order to devote her time first to Department of Justice title work and more recently as title attorney for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hot Springs. She is regarded as an expert in her field.

A native of Newsom Station, Tenn., just out of Nashville, Bess Florence was reared in Hot Springs, and returned to Tennessee to graduate in three years from Vanderbilt with both BA and MA degrees *cum laude* in only three years! She obtained her law degree from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C. in 1919.

The years just after World War I were excit-

ing years in Washington, where Bess first practiced, hobnobbing with Army and Congressional friends, giving many hours of volunteer service with the draft board. But the desire to examine private practice was strong in her. She joined an Oklahoma City law firm for a time, then went to Ohio as executive secretary of the Ohio League of Women Voters. It was in Ohio that she married Maj. General George Florence, now deceased.

When she opened her office in Hot Springs in 1922—the same office she occupies today—there were less than half a dozen women lawyers in the state of Arkansas. Today there are about fifty, and there is another woman lawyer in Hot Springs. Says Bess Florence along these lines, "Opportunities for women lawyers are much greater than formerly and there is little opposition to them in any field."

Over the years Bess Florence has retained her interest in politics, attending four national conventions of the Democratic party. Other activities include Sunday School teaching, president of the YWCA, membership in the Pilot Club, AAUW and various bar associations. As for retirement—she isn't even thinking of it. "My work is my hobby," she declares. "I'd be lost without it."

Take Three Guesses

There's something special about the accompanying article. Want to guess what it is? There . . . your three guesses are up—and you probably didn't find the answer. The "something special" is that Bess Newsom Florence is one of Theta's past grand presidents, serving in this capacity from 1919 to 1922. Says she of this tenure: "Many of my very happiest memories are of Theta active and official days."

She also remarks about her name: "In school, known as Betty Newsom, as there were other Bessies."

As for a picture, she didn't like the one which appeared in the Hot Springs *Sentinel-Record*, accompanying the long feature article about her from which we have taken excerpts. So you will have to imagine how she looks, mature in spirit, but young in heart! And a true Theta.

Dream Come True

• **Louise Scott Bass**

Oklahoma City Alumnae



With purposeful looks and happy hearts the Kirkpatricks break ground for new Oklahoma Art Center.

Residents of Oklahoma City received a delightful surprise with their morning coffee on October 31, 1957. Something better than Haloween news was gleaned from the headlines of the *Daily Oklahoman*: "Art Center Receives \$250,000.00 Donation."

The story behind the news concerns Thetas everywhere because it marked the climax of the long struggle of one particular Theta, Eleanor Blake Kirkpatrick, Oklahoma (Alpha Omicron), and her husband, John, to bring something truly worthwhile to Oklahoma City art lovers. The quarter of a million dollars which made the dream come true was the personal gift of John and Eleanor. It materialized in the form of a stunning, circular structure composed of concrete panels and glazed golden tile. The exterior is windowless but the interior wall contains glass panels which face a circular courtyard designed for a fountain and shrubbery. Seven spacious areas display permanent and traveling art collections free to the general public. Here, the Art Center holds its monthly meetings as does the new Science and Art Foundation. Painting classes for children and interesting lectures are part of the program.

The Oklahoma Art Center was established in

1935 as a federal art and music project. Born of the depression, it provided jobs for painters and sculptors by establishing an art gallery in the Chamber of Commerce Building. But the gallery soon outgrew these quarters and moved to the Municipal Auditorium where it became self sustaining.

A surprising number of Thetas have provided leadership in the annual membership drive which provides for operational expenses and the yearly Beaux Arts Ball. Appropriately enough, it was Eleanor who conceived the idea of an invitational masked costume ball. She was the first chairman in 1945.

Such a success was the ball that it has been repeated each year with the additional feature of presenting the current crop of Oklahoma City debutantes. Many a Theta, resplendent in white ballgown, has glided down the long, crimson carpet to be presented to the King, a prominent civic-minded man, whose identity is kept secret until the last breath-taking moment. In 1956, John Kirkpatrick ruled as Beaux Arts King.

After eleven years, the Building Fund contained \$175,000. It was then that the Kirkpatricks made their generous gift and ground was broken for the present site on February 13, 1958.

On December 5, 1958, the Oklahoma Art Center was formally dedicated. A magnificent collection of famous paintings from all over the world was assembled in the building for two months by way of celebration.

A word about Eleanor, herself. She is a charming brunette with sparkling brown eyes and a friendly, unassuming personality. She graduated from Smith College after attending the University of Oklahoma where she became a Theta. She is active in alumnae circles, most gracious and hospitable. Daughter Joan is a Theta, too, from Colorado College. Her husband, John, also a native Oklahoman, is an Annapolis graduate, a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy and president of the Kirkpatrick Oil Company. All three are enthusiastic Presbyterians.

Panhel Princesses

● **Jan Richey Christian**

San Antonio Alumnae

An innovation in Panhellenic circles took place in San Antonio, Texas, this year, with Kappa Alpha Thetas sharing richly in the honor. A Merit Award was originated to mark truly important community and Panhellenic contributions by fraternity women.

With 19 national social sorority alumnae groups represented in the City Panhellenic Association, two of the three initial awards, in the form of engraved silver bowls, went to San Antonio Thetas—Claris Laurent Brown, Colorado State (Beta Gamma), and Ruth Sunderland Rosenthal, Nebraska (Rho). The third award was presented to an alumna member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Both Ruth and Clarisse have been outstanding in their generous and talented contributions. For the past fifteen years both have actively participated in the San Antonio City Panhellenic Association, the San Antonio chapter and/or club of Kappa Alpha Theta, and other community organizations. Both have served the Theta group in several capacities, including president.

Ruth's most important contribution to Panhellenic was the establishment of the master file system used in indexing San Antonio rushees thoroughly and accurately for the information of all sororities of any college. She also represented San Antonio Panhellenic at a Texas state Panhellenic convention, has served as the Theta delegate, has been instrumental in smoothing rush problems in our area time after time, and was honored by being asked twice to make the main address for the Fraternity Education Party sponsored by Panhellenic, which takes place each June for prospective rushees and their mothers.

The community service Ruth Sunderland Rosenthal has contributed in this city may be measured in hundreds of hours and days and miles. She has participated in all charitable fund raising drives, heading large, successful committees. She has served on various boards of directors, such as Red Cross and Planned Parenthood, and on numberless PTA committees as her



Clarisse Laurent Brown

two children have been in school, growing up.

Claris Laurent Brown is a past president of the City Panhellenic Association, and as such was instrumental in introducing and developing a splendid scholarship program. This program serves as the main project of the group, and has grown impressively to a yearly gift of \$500 under her guiding and helpful hand.

Claris has long been an authority on parliamentary procedure, and has been consulted often by numerous citizens on numerous subjects. Having a sound knowledge and a courage of her convictions she is a strong, tactful leader, and has served on boards and in an executive capacity in an impressive number of San Antonio organizations. Clarisse doesn't just "serve"—she is a specialist in many fields—church, garden club, fraternity, YWCA, and now is treasurer of an outstanding and traditional San Antonio organization, Battle of Flowers, which ties in with Texas liberty and the famous Fiesta de San Jacinto of springtime San Antonio.

Our Thetas, who champion the fraternity system, made talks of appreciation after receiving the San Antonio Panhellenic Association Merit Award at a special luncheon. We are particularly proud that two of our members were selected to receive this honor knowing that it will be given only rarely.

She Won Over An If

• **Harriette Weinstein**
The Atlanta Constitution

A pretty platinum blonde is extra special to the Emory Kite Club which went Kappa Alpha Theta May 8-10, 1959. And Kendall Douglas and her mother feel the same way about the sorority.

Three years ago Kendall was a part of the group of new pledges enjoying their first quarter in Emory. Then, on a blind date, her life changed drastically. An automobile accident, the long wait for her parents as they flew down from their home in Park Ridge, Ill., and the doctors' words that IF she lived two weeks, she would never be able to sit up—all this happened in November, 1956.

Today Kendall is not only sitting up, but she looks about ready to hop out of her wheelchair any day. She drives a car, takes voice lessons and studies by correspondence a course in economics. "Right now, the most important thing in my life is getting up on my own two feet," she says with hope in her tones.

The years between Kendall's college days and



Kendall Douglas with her mother and Theta friend Suzanne Gregory.

her return to the campus for her Theta initiation have been filled with therapy at Warm Springs, Emory and Chicago. For a time her mother lived with her in Georgia, and together they flew down for the installation ceremonies.

Kendall's fondest Emory memories are of the boy classmates who gladly carried her up and down the steps to classes, of the Thetas who visited her at the hospital, often lying on the floor so they could talk to her while she was strapped down on a frame. "You can't tell me young people aren't wonderful," says Mrs. Douglas. "These girls are tops."

silhouette



Beta Lambda of William and Mary is proud to introduce one of our loveliest and most outstanding Thetas, Joan Kay English, '59, a

Spanish major from Falls Church, Virginia.

Whenever they're looking for a beauty queen, you can bet that the name of Joan English is among the first mentioned. For three years she was a member of the Homecoming Court, was also finalist for the title of Miss William and Mary, the yearbook queen. She has been ROTC Queen and also on the Queen's Court and in the Court of the "Belle of the Green."

Among campus activities her senior year she was secretary-treasurer of the student body, senior member of the Women's Honor Council, secretary of Mortar Board and secretary treasurer of Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish honorary. She has also played varsity hockey and basketball.

Joanie has been both corresponding secretary and social chairman for her Theta chapter, and often on the Dean's List for her scholastic achievement. No wonder the college newspaper published her picture as "Co-ed of the Week!"

• **Jane Ann Turner**
Beta Lambda



Twine for the Kite

Newly elected president of the Supreme Chapter of the PEO Sisterhood is **Margaret Emily McGaughey Stoner**, DePauw (Alpha), a resident of Greencastle, Ind.

Florida visitors with children are saying thanks to **Mary Evans Gill**, Missouri (Alpha Mu), of Ft. Lauderdale, organizer of Jack and Jill Junkets, education trips for children which present "facts with fun" in the southern Florida area. Mary, mother of four youngsters of her own, is also a winter tutor at Pine Crest School and is working toward her master's degree in child psychology.

Studying and preserving the lore of another scenic American spot is **Janie Jenkins Smith**, Oklahoma (Alpha Omicron), who with her Sigma Chi husband, Norman Smith, operates the Ginger Blue Resort in the picturesque Ozark section of southwestern Missouri. Distinctive feature of the Resort is its valuable collection of antiques which furnish all the rooms, most of them picked up and refinished by the Smiths themselves.

Honored as the outstanding alumna of the University of North Dakota this past year was **Evelyn Suter Massee** (Alpha Pi) of Grand

Forks. Evelyn is currently also Theta's state chairman for North Dakota.

A winner in another state was **Elizabeth "Buff" Hedges Stokes**, DePauw (Alpha), Traverse City, Mich. She was no less than Mrs. Michigan of 1959 and runner-up in the "Mrs. America" finals. A home ec major and campus leader at DePauw, Buff is active in at least 12 organizations in Traverse City, models part time, landscape paints and takes care of her household of four young children!

The \$4,500 California scholarship award of Delta Kappa Gamma, international honorary society for women in education, went this year to **Lorraine Wickstrom West** of Bakersfield, Fresno State (Gamma Chi), elementary teacher and professor of education. She will use the money to complete her doctorate in guidance as it refers to elementary teachers at Stanford University.

Named Cleveland's Volunteer of the Year was **Ginnie Wilson Laurie**, Randolph-Macon (Beta Beta).

Ann Curtis Cuneo, California-Berkeley (Omega), swimmer and former medal winner in the Olympic Games, now operates her own swim school and swim club in San Francisco.

The West Virginia Garden Club members have chosen for their current president **Elinor Ritz McQuail**, Randolph-Macon (Beta Beta). Elinor lives in Bluefield and has held many civic



Georgia's Mother of the Year is Mrs. C. B. McGarity, mother of four Theta daughters. Her recipe for successful motherhood: give every child plenty of love, specific jobs around the house, lots of responsibility at an early age. Shown here, with their mother are l. to r., Gamma Delta Thetas **Marcia McGarity Rogers**, **Janette McGarity Barber**, **Georgia McGarity Johnson** looking at the picture of **Mabel McGarity Chambers**.



Carolyn McKenzie Carter, Georgia (Gamma Delta), was awarded the degree of Master of Photography by the Professional Photographers of America at its annual award banquet recently. First woman in industrial photography to receive the degree, Carolyn is one of only 26 women, 355 men in the country to merit the profession's highest honor.

Carolyn, well-known to Thetas as *Kite* editor at the past two Grand Conventions and as press relations chairman for Theta, has been associate editor in Atlanta, Ga. of *The Refresher*, Coca Cola Co. publication, for the past four years. Prior to that she was employed by the *Atlanta Constitution*, where she also specialized in pictorial and color photography for the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution Sunday Magazine*. Many of her sensitive pictures of Georgia life and landscapes have been singled out for national recognition.

Speaker on and teacher of photography, she also serves as judge at photographic exhibitions. Her degree was awarded for exhibiting pictures, program participation, and judging.

offices in Bluefield and others in the state garden club prior to the top one. Besides this she has her law degree from West Virginia University.

One of seven members on the Commission on Indian Work created by the Southern California Council of Churches is **Alida C. Bowler**, Illinois (Delta) of Glendale, Calif. General purpose of the commission is to provide a better life for Indians and to better relations between the Indians and white people. Alida has long experience in work with the Indians, having formerly served as superintendent of the Carson Indian Agency in Nevada, among other positions.

Refusing to give up her interests and zest for life is **Mary Bellows Johnston**, Northwestern (Tau), now 82 years young and a resident of a Seattle home for retired school teachers. Forced into substitute teaching years ago because of the illness of her lawyer husband, Mary has raised two children of her own and still finds satisfaction in tutoring. She boasts that she has worn her Theta pin every day for over sixty years. Any one else to meet that record?

A South Dakota Theta has brought honor to Theta and herself. **Carroll Willson Burckhard**, South Dakota (Alpha Rho), was named First Lady of the Year. Besides numerous civic activities and past presidency of the Aberdeen Alumnae Club, she is rearing four orphaned children of her sister's in addition to eight of her own.

And still the honors pile up! Indiana University honored one of its distinguished alumnae at 1959 commencement—**Ruth Herdrich**

Hardy (Beta), owner and manager of the Palm Springs' Ingleside Inn. The Distinguished Alumni Service Award characterized her, in part, as "daughter of Indiana and now gracious lady of the western desert."

"The biggest treat of all was the concert debut of a young pianist named **Nancy Olsen**." So reads a review in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, honoring a California-Berkeley (Omega) Theta, a graduate of 1958, who made her first appearance this summer at a pops concert with the San Francisco Symphony and drew rave notices. Nancy did piano accompanying for Theta at our Banff Grand Convention. Remember her?

Speakers at an open session of the Alpha Gamma Delta international convention at French Lick, Indiana were (left) golfers Kappa Patty Berg and (right) Theta Marilyn Smith, at French Lick for the annual championship tournament of the Ladies Professional Golf Association. They were invited by Mrs. F. J. Vogelsang, center, Alpha Gam grand president. Marilyn, Kappa (Kansas), is president of LPGA and is tabbed "Miss Personality" of the LPGA tour.





Theta relatives shine in the light of the twin stars, too.

There's Ed Montgomery, ATO husband of **Helen Lee**, Nevada (Beta Mu), Pulitzer Prize winning reporter on the *San Francisco Examiner*, whose special digging on the Barbara Graham murder case established her innocence and provided the material for the movie, "I Want to Live," acting in which Susan Hayward received an Oscar for her performance in the leading role. Husband Ed was also special adviser to Broadway actor Simon Oakland who portrays Ed Montgomery in one of the key roles in the film.

Then there's Roy J. Kersey, TV performer, who conducts WFIL-TV's popular Garden Club in Philadelphia. His wife, **Betty Casselberry**, Swarthmore (Alpha Beta), helps him answer queries—1,000-1,200 by mail per week—raise shrubs and plants at their Devon home, makes guest appearances with him on the program. This horticultural pursuit is only a hobby for Roy who holds a fulltime job as sales manager of an office furniture firm.

Donald and Katherine Anderson Mackaman, Drake (Beta Kappa), were 1958 "Parents of the Year" at Drake University and are shown here with Linda, their daughter, current president of the Theta chapter there. Linda, a campus leader, president of Women's Panhellenic and member of Mortar Board, was preceded at Drake by two grandparents, five uncles, five aunts, Her mother, Katherine, also served as president of Beta Kappa's Theta chapter, was president of her senior class. Now living in Dallas, Texas, the Mackamans aided in forming the Dallas chapter of the Drake National Alumni Association.

As for actives, just listen to what they are up to:

Donna Floyd, William and Mary (Beta Lambda), is the 13th ranked woman's tennis player in the U.S. and won the Prizer cup in the Middle States intercollegiate tennis competition at Bryn Mawr recently.

Another southern belle, **Susan Addington**, Randolph-Macon (Beta Beta), former president of the West Virginia CAR, is now national vice president of the mid-Atlantic region of the National Society of Children of the American Revolution, with five states under her supervision.

Prudence Brown, Connecticut (Gamma Zeta), spent five months recently in Costa Rica as a participant in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program. She lived and worked with farm families there.

Two candidates for Miss America this year were Thetas: **Diana Martha Klug**, Connecticut (Gamma Zeta), Miss Connecticut, and **Judy Ann Olson**, Drake (Beta Kappa), Miss Minnesota.

Jeannine Kay Stratton, South Dakota (Alpha Rho), is Miss Universe for South Dakota and was a candidate for Miss Universe.



Twenty-two Thetas at IAWS convention at Arizona State, early 1959. L. to r., front, Mary Trail, Arizona State; Jan Foulkes, Indiana, outgoing IAWS president; Sally Harris, Montana State; Carolyn Jenkins, Ann Fursman, Texas Tech; Donna Gustafson, Beloit; Marty Gravitis, Colorado College; Marge Lederer, Beloit; Gay Weber, Sheryll Perkuhn, Washburn; Karen Johnson, Oregon State; Marilyn Edmier, Purdue. Back, Ann Hoopingarner, Kansas; Jerry Lewis, Oklahoma State; Doni Younger, Kansas, outgoing IAWS executive secretary; Patty Swindells, Molly Burke, Oregon; Janet Stillinger, Ohio Wesleyan, Lory Tyler, Judy Lane, Colorado State; Marilyn Lowe, Washburn; Gwenn Bell, Fresno State.

Introducing—

College President, District VII—Jean Fergus Brackman. Four children under ten years of age—and a top job in Theta! Neither of these responsibilities dims the enthusiasm or abilities of Jean Brackman, Kansas (Kappa), who takes over Theta's California and Arizona chapters . . . Now living in Pasadena, Jean has been president of the Pasadena Juniors, rush rec chairman for three years of Pasadena alumnae, secretary for Southern California Federation . . . Prior to this she has held membership in Theta alumnae groups in Lawrence and Wichita, Kan. and Kansas City, Mo. . . . Active in Cub and Brownie Scouts, a mother teacher in nursery school, civic volunteer . . . Her husband, Bill Brackman, CPA, Kansas, too, is general manager for engineering firm in electronics field . . . Children, Brad 9½, Ann 8, Bruce 6, Barbara 4. . . . Jean's home ec degree should come in handy, don't you think?



Jean Fergus Brackman



Margaret Gilger Chamberlain

Alumnae President, District XIII—Margaret Gilger Chamberlain . . . Initiated and president at Washington U. (Alpha Iota), affiliated with Nebraska (Rho) where she graduated . . . Also knew Thetas at Wisconsin (Psi) where she went to summer school two years and lived in house . . . Big moment in Theta: Grand Convention at Glacier National Park, attending as president of St. Louis Alumnae Chapter. Seconded motion of L. Pearle Green for life membership plan and "nearly turned over four chairs getting to my feet so that St. Louis would get this honor!" . . . Has sense of humor (agree?) . . . Ten years Girl Scout leader; mayor appointed her to Kirkwood, Mo. (home town) Park Board; past president of board for Old Folks Home; active in Episcopal Church . . . Husband George is SAE, insurance executive; daughter Margot is Duke '59, son Robert is Princeton '62.

We Welcome—

These new Alumnae Clubs:

Lancaster (Pa.)—president, Mrs. James E. Neikirk

Redlands Area (Calif.)—president, Mrs. Fred H. Hooghwinkel, Redlands, Calif.

Stockton (Calif.)—president, Mrs. J. Don Layson

Suburban Maryland—president, Mrs. John R. Wall, Mt. Rainier, Md.

*See you at
Hotel del Coronado*

Books by Theta Authors

A Word From Jane—It's been almost a year since the publication by Putnam's of the book, *Looking Up*, the story of my life for the last ten years. Oh, the fun and excitement of being an author! Not only for me, but for my children and Dad and Mother, too. The reviews from all over the country and even from such foreign parts as Nova Scotia and Hong Kong. The telephone calls, the fan mail, the nibbles from the movies. (Yes, really, I've got my fingers crossed.) And all the publicity on radio and TV. Did any of you by chance hear or see those famous MC's plugging the book?

I have a thick album full of the most marvelous letters and magazine and newspaper reviews. You've probably seen some of the reviews. I wish I could share the letters with you, too. Sometimes I want to pinch myself. They can't be talking about me. "I couldn't put it down." "I stopped feeling sorry for myself." "Please write some more." A young boy in the navy saying, "As long as there are people like you in the human race, I think there is hope." A stranger writing, "If this isn't a best seller, then a million people have missed out."

Sales are indeed very, very good and I know that in this the Thetas, bless them, have helped a lot. Those wonderful articles about me in the KAPPA ALPHA THETA Magazine (August 1957; Midwinter 1959), and so many of you buying the book, giving it that important first push. The publishers commented about how orders came in immediately from all over the country. Naturally, because Thetas are all over the country.

Many of you have written me such fine letters. Eventually I hope to answer all of them. I am proud and happy that *Looking Up* can inspire and entertain you. My thanks and blessings to you all.

Jane Boyle Needham

Patrick Visits the Farm—children's book
illustrated by Ellie Pownall Simmons, Dodd, Mead & Co., New York City.

Talented Ellie Simmons, Iowa (Beta Omicron), has done the illustrations for an appealing new book for children by Maureen Daly. Both author and illustrator are old friends—they formerly worked together on the *Ladies' Home*



Ellie Pownall Simmons

Journal. And in undertaking the illustrating job Ellie didn't have to leave home in search of models, since her own Frederick, 8, and Mary Murray, 5, are every bit as lively and inquisitive as the young man portrayed in the story!

A graduate of the University of Iowa in 1949, Ellie was president of Theta there and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and since leaving school has enjoyed considerable success in the field of free lance art. She had a one-man show in Philadelphia and a mural for which she won a prize hangs in the children's ward in a hospital in Ithaca, N.Y. where she now lives.

Current interest of Ellie is portrait painting. The portrait shown in the picture above has been exhibited a number of times in eastern states.

Ellie's mother is Dorothy Ashby Pownall, herself a Theta from Lawrence (Alpha Psi).

The Hyatt Legacy—by Phyllis H. Gardiner, Exposition Press Inc., New York City, \$4.50.

The Hyatt Legacy is the sort of book many of us would like to write but perhaps do not have the gift of words to do so, or enough memory of our parents and our own growing up to make it possible. But Phyllis Hyatt Gardiner, a Stanford Theta, believed so much in her father's distinguished career as a California educator that she retired from all other work several years ago to complete this family saga.

This is a story of the late nineteenth century and early twentieth in California and the life together of Maggie and Edward Hyatt as they built a home in this new (to them) western

state and Edward carved out for himself a never-to-be-forgotten place in education. First as a teacher in the San Jacinto schools, then as county superintendent with offices in Riverside, and finally as state superintendent of public instruction in Sacramento, Edward Hyatt brought a rare curiosity and dedicated purpose to his work. Basically a scientist he made his students share his own enthusiasm for nature, lived to see many of them become distinguished citizens on their own part.

Life was not all placid over the years. Edward became involved in a political fight in the early days in San Jacinto which threatened to ruin him but instead, through his own fighting-back, became the stepping stone to his greater future as a state educator.

The tender love story of Maggie and Edward is a continuing one throughout the book and the happy family life is portrayed winningly.

The author of the book was the youngest Hyatt child. Because there were seven older brothers and sisters concerned with naming her and no name could be agreed upon she was known simply as Baby until she was six. Then, insisting she was now "grown up" she chose her own name—Phyllis—a privilege many of us



Phyllis H. Gardiner

would perhaps like to have had, but didn't get!

The Author—Attending both the University of California and Stanford, Mrs. Gardiner soon after college was society editor of the *Sacramento Bee* and the *Sacramento Union* and a district reporter for the latter paper. She has served as secretary of the Sacramento Riding Club and in several departments of the State of California. She is the widow of Robert H. Gardiner.

silhouette



Theta will stretch to the shores of New Zealand in 1960 when Mary Ann Gemmill, the 1958 president of the Penn State (Beta Phi) chapter, arrives there in February to study under her Rotary Foundation Fellowship. Following her year of study at the Auckland University College, Mary Ann will tour Europe. When she returns to the United States, she will speak to

Rotary groups around her home district of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. By invitation she will speak in other parts of the country.

Receiving such grand honors has become "old stuff" to Mary Ann. She has been named to Phi Beta Kappa, is a member of Cwens, sophomore hat society, Mortar Board, senior women's hat society and Phi Kappa Phi. She has also been manager of the Women's Debate team, president of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, president of Delta Alpha Delta, speech honorary, vice president of Pi Lambda Theta, education honorary and had a seat on All-University Cabinet, student governing body.

Mary Ann was named one of the fifteen Evan Pugh scholars chosen from the June, 1959 graduating class. Other titles include: "Outstanding Senior Woman in a Hat Society" and "Outstanding Speaker at the Annual Debating Congress." She is a Secondary Education Major.

• **Judie Stock**
Beta Phi



over the desktop

YOUR EDITOR HAS A NOTION that you're going to like this issue of the magazine. Probably I'm like a fond mother who always thinks people will like *her* children. Well, after you've spanked and scolded all this copy into shape, fattened it up with a diet of headlines and picture captions, and put on a pretty bonnet and dress in the form of the cover—perhaps you have a right to think well of it!

But this month your editor was not alone in working on the magazine. Norma Anderson Jorgensen, member at large, Alumnæ Program, did a stunning job on the eight pages (33 through 40) which depict the picture of Theta's alumnæ program. Following that are the alumnæ chapter letters.

Another subject which comes up for a lot of attention this month is Panhellenic. We didn't think at first that we could include the story of the biennial meeting of NPC held at Boca Raton, Florida, Nov. 9-13, in this issue. Too close a deadline. But Ellen Hofstead, our NPC delegate, phoned long distance to make plans, gave up a holiday weekend to write the story and here it is in print (see page 4). By coincidence we also had on hand the story of two Thetas, powers in City Panhellenic circles, which we were glad to use on page 24 to show that while a lot of us just preach Panhellenic, that quite a few of us practice it, too!

And before we leave Panhellenic, I wonder if you know *why* your executive secretary-treasurer and editor attend the national meeting. While Ellen and the other Theta execs. attended the general Panhel sessions, the secretaries and editors for the Panhellenic groups held their own separate meetings. Your editor found it quite an inspiring initial experience, while for EST Helen Sackett it was "old hat."

The amazing thing is that everyone seemed to learn something from the exchange of ideas, even though, as in the case of both editors and secretaries, there are several who have had more than twenty-five years of experience on the job, and thus must have attended at least a dozen or more Panhellenic sessions before.

We editors met every morning—and some of the afternoons as well; held a party for the secretaries and a joint meeting with them, and a banquet for ourselves. (You can't get into this one unless you have printers' ink under your fingernails.) The secretaries followed a similar schedule in their own meetings—but I don't know what the requisite is to be asked to *their* banquet.

And now, to move on from the Winter Issue to future ones. We have decided to omit the name, Midwinter, from an issue, since it is so easily confused with Winter. Therefore the next issue will be the Spring Issue, followed by the Summer Issue. Thus our four issues now are, Autumn, Winter, Spring, Summer, out in that order and generally in those seasons, though Spring will come out just at the first of spring (late in March) and Summer, just before the start of summer (late in May).

After a lot of experimenting with all this, and receiving the approval of our Grand President and EST and other interested folks, we think the change in issues will work well. We have also finally settled on deadlines, too. We apologize that there has been some shifting around since we became editor—but your editor has a notion that you understand how she has had to try things out until she was oriented in the job.

Immediate deadlines are:

Active chapter editors: February 1. Due: 300 word chapter letter.

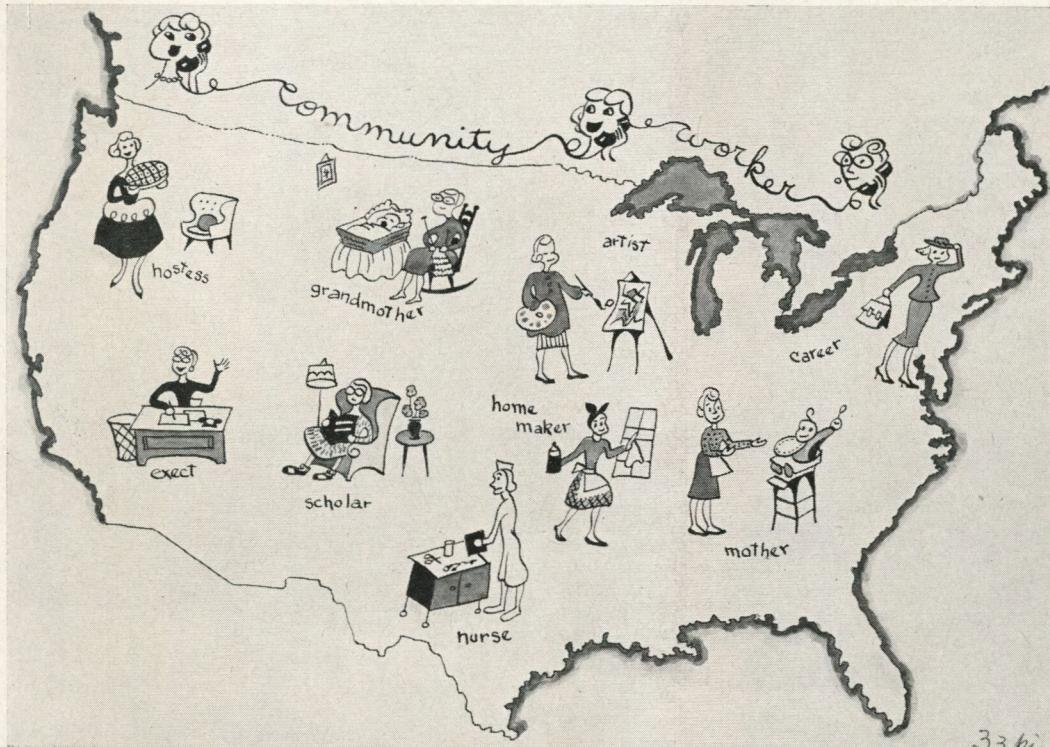
April 1. Due: Wallet size picture of Grand Convention delegate.

Alumnæ chapter editors: April 1. Due: Small glossy of Grand Convention delegate.

All editors and others: February 15. Due: General items about Theta for last issue until fall.

Send copy to: Mrs. Herbert L. Garrard, 10 Heather Lane, Route 3, Noblesville, Indiana

From Coast to Coast—
From the North to the Southland...



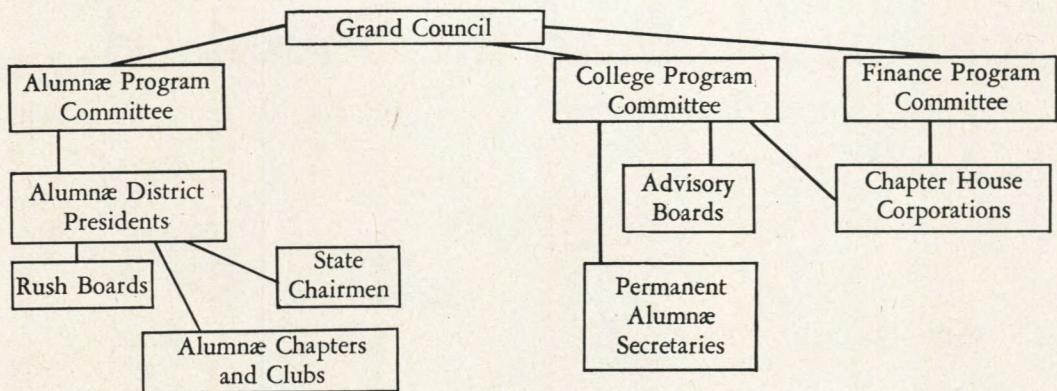
Theta Alumnæ

uphold Theta standards . . . live Theta ideals

I believe in the college fraternity,
 Creator of friendships.
I believe in its quick sympathies
 And in its helping hand.
I believe in its brave idealism
 Stirring every valiant emotion,
 Housing every potential talent.
I believe in its compelling drive
 For sound scholarship,
 For clear-eyed honesty,
 For business integrity.
I believe in the college fraternity,
 Maker of men and women.

● **Arthur Priest**
Phi Delta Theta

Here Are the "Channels" —



Here are some of the people who "make Theta go" —

Alumnæ Program Committee



Mary Forrest Brandriff, grand vice president, alumnæ, Hinsdale, Illinois . . . Beta Tau, Denison, and Tau, Northwestern, chapters . . . Former District President . . . Former Grand Alumnæ Secy. and Grand Third Vice Pres. . . . Daughter Barbie Brandriff Crabb a Theta senior at Wisconsin . . . Twins Betsy and Bob H.S. seniors . . . Athlete . . . Community worker . . . Supervises Rush Boards, visits college chapters and alumnæ groups, reports Alumnæ Committee work to Grand Council, helps with alumnæ problems, plans their sessions at Grand Convention. In pic, Mary and husband Ed.

Doris Jenkins French, member at large, Grand Council, Alumnæ Committee . . . Hartsdale, New York . . . Gamma Eta chapter, Massachusetts . . . Former Alumnæ District President . . . Daughter Judy a freshman nursing student at Cincinnati, and a Theta pledge . . . Martha keeps the home fires burning while Dottie takes Theta trips . . . Landscape gardener . . . Often hostess to United Nations dignitaries . . . Works with State Chairmen, coordinates reports, visits college chapters and alumnæ groups, assists Grand Vice President, Alumnæ. In pic, Dottie and eighth-grader Martha.



Norma Anderson Jorgensen, member at large, Grand Council, Alumnæ Committee . . . Newington, Connecticut . . . Gamma Zeta chapter, Connecticut . . . Former District President . . . Former State Chairman . . . Daughter Cathy a sophomore in high school . . . Son Al a fifth-grader . . . Frustrated author . . . Busy with Alumnæ Fraternity Education, works with editor, visits college chapters and alumnæ groups, assists Grand Vice President, Alumnæ. In pic, Norma and daughter, Cathy, flank their house number. (Said hard-working Norma, completing assignment of preparing this alum section, "Cheers!"')



Alumnæ District Presidents

Here are three of our seventeen:



District IV's Peg Flaherty and her new daughter-in-law, Sue.



District XII's Trinka Bland, shown with Trinka's Trinkets!



District XI's Jeanne Bechtolt and door piece made for Theta bazaar

Mention the name **Peg Flaherty** around Syracuse, New York, and people will know this antique fiend, ardent and expert golfer, diligent community worker and loyal and enthusiastic Theta . . . Peg ADPs District IV—New England, northern New York and Southeastern Canada . . . Chi chapter, Syracuse . . . Former Advisory Board Chairman . . . Her lovely farm home in Lafayette is across the street from the Onondaga Indian Reservation . . . Flaherty Christmas trees are famous all over the northeast . . . Older son Frederick III a graduate of Colgate . . . Daughter Susan at school in Vermont . . . younger son Peter a sophomore at Governor Dummer Academy, outside Boston . . . Master of the flannel-board . . . Always good company, and well-versed in Theta.

People always wonder how such a small girl can do such a big job, and do it she does, and then some . . . **Trinka Bland** is probably the most Theta-traveled ADP, covering Texas and Louisiana, a total of six alumnae chapters and twenty alumnae clubs . . . Her lawyer husband is president of Houston Phi Gamma chapter . . . Son Fred, 14, aims toward architectural engineering; David, Jr., 12, plans to follow dad's footsteps into law . . . Kathleen, 10, has taken over family mending to free Trinka for Theta . . . Alpha Theta chapter, Texas . . . Picture shows latest "find" at Houston's Theta Antique Show, the last of a set of seven beakers which Trinka has been collecting for almost ten years . . . Zest for everything and an organizer par excellence . . . and still finds time to bake bread weekly.

Jeanne Bechtolt is a transplanted Floridian, making her home in Miami, originally from Pittsburgh . . . ADPs our southernmost District, XI . . . Alpha Omega Chapter, Pittsburgh . . . A physical education major, and was a Mortar Board and Cwen . . . Has been president of Miami Alumnæ Chapter twice, and bazaar chairman for ten years, lending her originality and enthusiasm to the Christmas booth . . . Jeanne can make almost anything in the Christmas decoration line . . . Was Florida State Chairman for three years before became an ADP, and has been vice president and treasurer of Miami Women's Panhellenic . . . Her long-suffering husband Moe feels like Santa Claus, there are so many Christmas items around the Bechtolt house.

What do Alumnae District Presidents do?

Visit alumnae chapters and clubs; organize new clubs and chapters; make suggestions to alumnae groups; supervise Rush Boards in the District; appoint State and Province Chairmen; write reports; attend Grand Convention; plan and attend District Conventions.

State Chairmen

Here are two of our fifty-four:



Clara MacKenzie Bierman,
Minnesota State Chairman

The name Bierman, especially in Minnesota, usually means Minnesota's famed Bernie Bierman . . . who has in his study about every plaque and award that a college football coach could possibly receive: Helm's Hall of Fame Award, National Football Hall of Fame award from Rutgers University, the famous Stagg Award, given annually by college coaches of America and many others . . . but to Theta he is **Clara Bierman's** husband . . . Clara was initiated into Upsilon chapter, Minnesota . . . and has been interested and active in Theta ever since . . . Served for two terms as St. Paul Alumnae president . . . Has served as State Chairman longer than any other Theta . . . Two Alpha Delta Phi sons . . . Three young grandchildren . . . Member of Board of Directors of Minnesota Alumni . . . Served three years as the alumnae member of the Senate Committee for Student Affairs . . . Active in Twin City Panhellenic Association, St. Paul's Woman's Club and Episcopal Church . . . Kappa Alpha Theta is proud to number Clara MacKenzie Bierman among its State Chairmen.

If you were to follow **Harriet Kohlmeyer** around West Lafayette, Indiana, you might find yourself weeding her huge, lovely garden, if the season were right, or kibitzing at a bridge game, learning the warp from the woof at the Weaver's Guild, or enjoying a symphony . . . or perhaps tending the file she maintains of Thetas in the state of our founding as Indiana State Chairman for Theta . . . Harriet was initiated into Gamma deuteron chapter at Ohio Wesleyan . . . holds an MA from Ohio State . . . was an Associate Professor at Ohio University for eight years, and taught at Purdue . . . She manages to keep busy as an American Red Cross Grey Lady, City Panhellenic member, and has been active in PTA and Girl Scouts . . . daughter Marthann at Purdue . . . Husband Byron Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue, specializing in Public Policy . . . Two literature clubs claim some of Harriet's time, but she also finds time to work part time in the office of the Dean of the School of Science, Education and Humanities.



Harriet Kohlmeyer,
Indiana State Chairman

YOUR STATE CHAIRMAN wants *you* in her file . . . your name, maiden and married, address and chapter . . . Notify her of any change of marital status or address. Then *she* won't lose *you*!

What does a State Chairman do? Here are some of the things: *maintains an alphabetical and geographical file of all Thetas in her state (as many as 4,000 or as few as 70); assists in securing rush information in areas where there are no Rush Boards; provides information to ADP as to where new alumnae clubs may be developed; helps committees planning area Founders' Day or State Day; keeps in touch with other State Chairmen and chapter Permanent Alumnae Secretaries.*

Permanent Alumnæ Secretaries

Here is one of our very best:

When **Becky Fishburn** decided to do graduate work at Penn State, after graduating from Wells College at Aurora, New York, Kappa Alpha Theta was indeed fortunate . . . After marrying Phi Gamma Delta Hummel Fishburn, she was initiated as a graduate student by Beta Phi chapter . . . Becky and Hummel have three Phi Gam sons and live in State College, where Hummel is head of the Music Department at Penn State University . . . Becky has served as Advisory Board Chairman and is presently Scholarship Advisor to Beta Phi, and has been Permanent Alumnæ Secretary of the chapter for six years . . . The six chapter members who are "lost" are a constant source of worry to her, even though they are a small percentage of the 525 Beta Phis in her file . . . Anyone knowing of their whereabouts will make her very happy by dropping a line to her at 733 McKee Street, State College, Pa. . . . They are Grace Tomlinson Stevens, 1929, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Delia Myer D'Ornin, 1930, Los Angeles; Grace Woodrow Magill, 1930, New York; Mary Milholland, initiated 1934, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Florence Binford McCutcheon, initiated 1936, Pittsburgh; Delores Paul Burnaford, 1943, Roseville, Michigan . . . Is one of these Beta Phis your neighbor?



Rebecca Clingerman Fishburn,
Beta Phi Permanent Alumnae Secretary

Chapter Permanent Alumnæ Secretaries go to all lengths to keep track of wandering chapter members. . . . A "lost" chapter member is a challenge, and each sometimes needs a different plan of attack. . . . If *your* chapter doesn't know where *you* are, you will not receive the yearly chapter letter. Below are listed fifty-seven Permanent Alumnæ Secretaries who are current and active. As other names are reported, they will be listed in forthcoming magazines.

Alpha—Mrs. Joe McCord, Cole Apt. 7, Greencastle, Ind.
Beta—Mrs. Hilda Robbins, 812 E. 8th St., Bloomington, Ind.
Gamma—Mrs. James L. Kingsbury, 121 N. Woodside Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
Delta—Mrs. Ernest J. Reece, 607 W. Vermont St., Urbana, Ill.
Iota—Miss Rebecca Harris, 126 Kelvin Place, Ithaca, N.Y.
Kappa—Mrs. Raymond B. Riley, 1908 Washington Ave., Kansas City 2, Kan.
Lambda—Mrs. Harold Mayforth, 237 Shelburne St., Burlington, Vt.
Omicron—Mrs. W. C. Drewry, 200 S. LaPeer, Beverly Hills, Calif.
Pi—Mrs. Minard E. Farley, RFD 1, Albion, Mich.
Rho—Mrs. Sterling Mutz, 1720 G St., Lincoln 8, Neb.
Tau—Mrs. Elliott Morrill, Suite 342, 1580 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.
Upsilon—Mrs. Bernard Bierman, 2231 Folwell St., St. Paul, Minn.
Chi—Mrs. P. H. Markham, 613 Comstock Ave., Syracuse, N.Y.
Omega—Mrs. Gerald McCue, 157 Fairlawn Dr., Oakland 5, Calif.
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Alpha Xi—Mrs. John W. Walker, 1259 E. 22nd Ave., Eugene, Ore.

Alpha Omicron—Mrs. Froma Johnson, 1045 S. Flood, Norman, Okla.
Alpha Pi—Mrs. Edgar Massee, 423 N. 1st St., E. Grand Forks, Minn.
Alpha Rho—Mrs. G. R. Collins, 601 Canby St., Vermillion, S.D.
Alpha Upsilon—Mrs. Edgar Langsdorf, 2535 Meadow Lane, Topeka, Kan.
Alpha Phi—Mrs. Robert Parker, 89 Versailles Blvd., New Orleans, La.
Alpha Chi—Mrs. Ralph Lehman, 1800 Ravinia Rd., W. Lafayette, Ind.
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Beta Gamma—Mrs. John D. Hartman, 613 S. Howes St., Fort Collins, Colo.
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Gamma Zeta—Mrs. Arthur Bobb, Southwood Rd., Storrs, Conn.
Gamma Eta—Mrs. Leo Moreau, 175 Amity St., Amherst, Mass.

Gamma Kappa—Mrs. Donald Daughery, Jr., Apt 220, 1401 S. Barton St., Arlington, Va.
Gamma Mu—Miss Emily Walker, 4606 Drexel Rd., College Park, Md.
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Gamma Xi—Miss Virginia Wall, 1610 Martin Ave., San Jose, Calif.
Gamma Omicron—Mrs. Marilyn Hildebrandt, 800 Carlisle S.E., Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Gamma Rho—Mrs. Ian Crow, 33 Langlo Terrace, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Gamma Sigma—Mrs. Walter Brewer, 3219 Homer, San Diego, Calif.
Gamma Tau—Mrs. Robert Cartmill, R.R. 2, Broken Arrow, Okla.
Gamma Phi—Mrs. John Farley, 2602 31st St., Lubbock, Tex.
Gamma Chi—Mrs. Richard Jansen, 3811 Orchard, Fresno, Calif.
Gamma Psi—Mrs. David E. Cavin, 3121 W. 4th St., Fort Worth, Tex.
Delta Delta—Mrs. R. B. Bragg, Clinton Court, Walla Walla, Wash.

Rush Boards

Each year the KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE carries a list of Rush Boards, which are staffed by hard-working and loyal alumnae. It is the responsibility of these Rush Boards to furnish to our college chapters, complete and accurate information concerning prospective members.

They need your help - - - Will you give it?

If you know of an outstanding high school senior who is going on to college where we have a Theta chapter, or of a girl who is transferring as an upperclassman to a campus where we have a chapter, will you let your Rush Board know? Will you send them all the information you have? Find out now who is the chairman of the Rush Board in your area. Funnel all of your information concerning prospective rushees to her—she will see that the college chapter concerned receives it.

If there is no Rush Board in your area, send your information directly to the college chapter. If you are *recommending* the girl, say so. If you are calling the attention of the college chapter to the girl, but not recommending her, say so. If the chapter wants further information they will let you know.

Use Rush Boards if possible

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There is a blank on page 63 that appears in *every* issue of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE on this *same* next to back page.

Have *you* moved or married? If so, fill in the blank with your new name and/or address and send to Central Office, as the blank states. Then . . . turn to page 40, this Issue. Fill in the additional blanks on this page—one for your State Chairman (for her name see page 79, Autumn 1959 Issue) and one

for your chapter's Permanent Alumnae Secretary (see preceding page).

Point to remember: A complete Directory of Theta VIP's, including the State Chairmen, only appears in each Autumn and each Summer Issue. (The Summer Issue will appear for the first time in May 1960.) Hang onto your Autumn 1959 Issue for dear life until that Summer Issue comes into your hands!

Last Minute Memo! Arizona has a new State Chairman. She is, Mrs. David McCutcheon, 5600 N. Kay Drive, Phoenix, Ariz.

Alum Club Hubbub

edited by **Norma Anderson Jorgensen**

Member at large, Alumnae Program

There are now 199 alumnae clubs representing Kappa Alpha Theta in the United States and Canada . . . Who will be 200? . . . **Grand Forks**, North Dakota, entertained Alpha Pi's pledge class at their annual October party . . . **Aberdeen**, South Dakota, has nineteen alumnae in town, nineteen in the Theta Club and nineteen active and dues-paying members . . . **Ann Arbor**, Michigan, entertained at a tea when Grand Council and all of the District Officers attended Officers' Conference at the Eta chapter house in September . . . **Abilene**, Texas, and **Shreveport**, Louisiana, each sent five delegates to District XII's Workshop in June . . . **Enid**, Oklahoma, gave a "Friendship Shower" for the Institute of Logopedics, and made it a little unusual by planning to take the gifts to the Institute themselves and have a tour . . . **Rochester**, and **Buffalo**, New York, had a joint meeting last spring at the LeRoy Clinic which is between the two cities and is the local philanthropy for Rochester . . . Mary Brandriff, grand vice president, alumnae, attended a coffee for college girls in the area given by **Greenwich-Stamford**, Connecticut, in June . . . **Santa Ana**, California, chartered a bus to transport their members the forty miles to the Southern California Federation benefit, increasing the number of their members attending . . . **Great Falls**, Montana, District XV's newest club, joined with Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae in sponsoring a benefit bridge as a money-making project for both groups . . . **Danville**, Illinois, gave a brunch in May for all high school graduates . . . Carroll Willson Burckhard of the **Aberdeen**, South Dakota, Club was elected First Lady of Aberdeen this past year by the professional men and women of the community and was honored by Beta Sigma Phi at a tea, and on radio and television. She is active in the School of Hope and St. Luke's Auxiliary . . . **Quad-City**, Illinois and Iowa, held a silent auction with the Delta Delta Delta Alumnae Club . . . Arkansas can now be called a Theta state, with the organization of a Theta Alumnae Club in **Fort Smith** . . . members of the **Helena**, Montana, Club assist each month at the Montana Speech Clinic . . . **Pullman**, Washington, entertains Alpha Sigma's pledges at a preinitiation breakfast in the home of one of its members . . . **Honolulu** contributes \$190 each year toward the tuition and expenses of a sophomore girl in the teachers' college at the University of Hawaii, selected because of her scholastic ability and because she plans to stay in the Islands to teach after college . . . Mary Anne Munz Woolley, Grand President Letty Munz's daughter, is State Chairman for Utah, and an active member of the **Salt Lake City** Club . . . Alumnae Fraternity Education programs have been sent to all clubs this year for the first time . . . **Diablo Valley**, California, honored fifty-year Theta Edith Clapp Snook with a surprise tribute written by fellow club member Jane Hennessy . . . Two of the last three years a member of the **Grand Forks**, North Dakota, Club has been chosen the outstanding alumna of the University of North Dakota: Evelyn Suter Massee and Margaret Beede, both members of Alpha Pi chapter . . . **Stillwater**, Oklahoma, gives three parties a year for the college chapter—one in the fall for pledges, one at Christmas for juniors and one in the spring for seniors . . . Thetas from all over the United States returned to



Fifty-year Theta, Edith Clapp Snook, Omega, cuts her cake as honored guest at party of Diablo Valley

Norman, Oklahoma when Oklahoma State Day and Alpha Omicron's Golden Anniversary were combined into a two-day celebration . . . This year, **Enid** will be hostess for Oklahoma State Day in the spring . . . **Amarillo**, Texas, has adopted the Amarillo Regional Hearing and Speech Foundation for its local philanthropy . . . All clubs which sponsor philanthropic activities are urged to check with tax authorities to determine whether Form 990 should be filed with the Internal Revenue Service . . . **Galveston**, Texas, sold sixty tickets to nearby **Houston's** Theta Charity Antique Show . . . Peg Stiles Lamont of the **Aberdeen**, South Dakota, Club, one of the leading organizers of the Mental Health Center of South Dakota, has been elected State AAUW President in her state . . . **Calgary**, Alberta, Canada, gave volunteer help to the Salk Vaccine Clinic last year, rolls Red Cross bandages during business meetings, and this year will repeat giving a Theta Alumnae Prize to a girl at the University of Alberta . . . Club members planning to vacation in California this summer are urged to include June in their dates . . . Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand Convention will be held at Coronado . . . See you there?

Have You Moved or Married?

Send this blank to your State Chairman
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 Current Theta job

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Alumnews

Ruth Farrington Jacobs, Texas (Alpha Theta), with Dr. Jack L. Bangs, director of the Houston Speech and Hearing Center, stands before a plaque which makes Houston Thetas very proud. For the past seven years the Houston Alumnae Chapter has sponsored a Charity Antique Show from which a large portion of the proceeds has gone to help equip the Speech and Hearing Center. On September 20 the new Speech and Hearing Center in the Texas Medical Center was dedicated. The dedication took place on the eve of this year's Antique Show.

And Houston Thetas are not the only ones who are bending their efforts to help handicapped children, often in the speech and hearing field. Reading through the Alumnae Chapter Letters you will find continuous support for Theta's national project, the Institute of Logopedics, and companion work going on in local areas.

Alumnae Chapter Letters

APPLETON

"Getting to know you" will be our theme song from now on. We alums have always enjoyed our all-too-fleeting contacts with the Lawrence actives and pledges. Our meetings with them have been voted our most popular, and now we hope to improve on the program by adopting girls as "pledge daughters." We would have enjoyed that kind of thing in our undergrad days, and we hope these girls will feel the same. We're looking forward to it eagerly ourselves. (We'll let you know how it works out!)

The Appleton alums were in charge of a very interesting Panhellenic innovation—a lovely tea for high school seniors from eight high schools in the Fox River Valley area. Their mothers were invited, too, and undergraduates spoke on rushing. The tea was held in the Lawrence Union, and was considered very successful.

Having our District Convention in Appleton for the first time was quite a thrill for all of us. Julie Ladwig Biggers and Katie Benton Hale, both Lawrence (Alpha Psi), were chairmen, and did us proud. Lawrence's beautiful new Colman Hall made wonderful headquarters, and those of us who had never attended a convention before were much impressed with the lively discussions, the attractive and intelligent Thetas and the general air of enthusiasm and inspiration!

Peggy Thompson Oliver

AUSTIN

Last October the Alpha Theta chapter and the Austin alumnae were honored by a visit from Letty Munz, grand president. A coffee was given in her honor at the Theta house.

A silver polish sale was held in November and a total of \$135.20 was raised through this effort. Also, at the Christmas coffee of Ethel Washington, Pine-Ola bottles were decorated by Winona Elliott to look like a Santa and an angel. This clever idea helped our sales and with the combined total we were able to reach our goal of \$1,000 for the award from the Institute of Logopedics.

In January an Ivy Service for the graduating seniors was held to welcome them into the alumnae organization. City Panhellenic had a bridge party in February. Many Thetas spent a most enjoyable afternoon and were very lucky with more than their share of the door prizes. Our Founders' Day banquet was held March 2, and we honored our one fifty year Theta, Florence Brownlee Benson. This year at the banquet the first annual scholarship was awarded to the Big Sister and Little Sister of the active chapter who had the highest combined grade average. In May a Texas style barbecue supper honoring our husbands was served at the home of John and Billie Washington.

Our convention committee, headed by Ethel Washington, worked long and hard throughout the spring making plans for our District Convention that was held June 7 through June 9. After all the activities,

climaxed by the three very busy days of convention, I believe all Austin alumnae felt we had had a worthwhile and interesting year in Theta.

Nancy Fitzgerald McQuown

BALTIMORE

In accordance with the ideals of the Theta pledge, the Baltimore Alumnae Chapter completed a successful 1958-1959 year of three-fold purpose: social, intellectual and moral growth.

Socially, our chapter enrollment was extended under the guidance of Peggy Hallberg Nevins (Alpha Mu). Membership, usually in a state of flux in this busy industrial city and seaport, rose to a new high, no little credit being due to the warm welcome extended to new graduates and sisters transferred to this area. Each of the year's eight monthly meetings was, in itself, a social occasion, but particularly outstanding were the annual Christmas party of traditional cheer at the home of Claire Von Marees Steiff (Alpha Delta) and the festive May picnic, organized by Mary Ziegler Stewart (Gamma Deuteron), which so successfully terminated our year's program.

Intellectually, the Baltimore alumnae renewed their knowledge of Theta traditions and history at the annual Founders' Day program presented by Florence Froberg Kenneman (Beta Eta). Fraternity education was further increased in programs on current rushing and recommendation procedures. National developments in Theta and new rulings and regulations were expounded by President Lois Smith Cook (Alpha Gamma) who so efficiently represented the chapter at both the Grand and District Conventions. From Dr. Wilbur Hunter, director of the local Peale Museum, we extended our knowledge of the city in which we live. Dr. Hunter, who spoke and showed slides of Baltimore's growth and history, appeared on the program of our annual "Men's Night," when husbands and beaux may meet the Thetas.

Morally, the chapter extended much of itself in love for those less fortunate. In addition to the Institute of Logopedics, we contributed as much as possible to our local philanthropy, the Ridge School for mentally retarded children. Our contributions took the forms of handmade Christmas decorations, small personal gifts and financial support. The principal of the school, Mrs. Ruth M. Wisotsky, spoke before the chapter on mental retardation, and of what progress was being made in combating this affliction.

Edith Lamke Pentecost

BERKELEY

Because during 1959 our Berkeley chapter has been having a thorough reorganizing, our work has been somewhat curtailed. In activities and meetings we have been rather quiet. At the annual Christmas luncheon at Betty Lay Gilbert's home we participated in a lively discussion on our status as a chapter with Sallie Fagan Gould, alumnae district president, as our honored guest. Our February meeting presented us with a talk on "Safety in the Home," given by a member of the Oak-

land police. At another gathering, the daughter of the New Zealand ambassador gave music and slides of that little travelled country. The Seniors welcomed the Juniors in the annual April luncheon. Carol Sharon, our new president, gave a report on the District Convention at Gamma Xi chapter house, San Jose.

That we rank second in the magazine group puffs us up a bit; only one more to go! We have a happy and active bridge group; the pennies go to some good cause that our poor treasury is always supporting. Our City Panhellenic delegate arranged, masterfully, the tea at Alumni House on the University of California campus, enjoyed by some 225 guests. Latchstring parties, planned for this fall, mean bridge and games in various homes. And we hope *mucho dinero* in the treasury.

Besides all the work done on the bi-monthly KITE, which Criss Cross Morton guides through the maze of birth, meeting, marriage notices, and so on, Criss has labored through a new directory. Our regular Logopedics work goes along, as does our special volunteer group at Herrick Hospital. Thus we Thetas work and play together in Berkeley.

Angie Melden Gilbert

BLOOMINGTON

One of our brightest highlights this year, and also, our one money-making effort, was a Theta Food Fair. Sarah Mills Chapman and Joan LeBien Olcott, the co-chairmen, added lots of spice to an ordinary bake sale and planned a very exciting and special Fair. The theme was an informal one, a "Stop and Shop" sort of project. Children were welcome to come along with their mothers. Also, cider and doughnut holes were served to everyone.

Shoppers found: a Country Store with homemade breads, rolls and homemade soup; a Sweet Shop for cookies, cakes and sweet rolls; a Candy Kitchen with the ever popular homemade candies and the like; the Fruit Cake Bar with wonderful fruit cake brought back this year by "popular demand." The last section was the "Trick and Treat" table with inexpensive bags of candy and Halloween treats just right to give to children on that special night. Sounds like a pretty fine Food Fair, doesn't it?

One of our first interests was to send a check to the Institute of Logopedics. We have enjoyed this project for many years and are glad to contribute to such a worthwhile institution.

Our other interest is with our active Theta chapter house here in Bloomington. For the new recreation room we have added four king-size card tables and chairs, quite a wonderful addition for the girls for their favorite get-together room.

Our past year was a happy and successful one and our present one is well on its way with fun and enjoyment.

Harriet C. Hammond

BOSTON

The Triplets have arrived! This startling news confronted each Boston Theta as she opened the Fall Letter. The clever birth announcement heralded the arrival of three new area groups, namely, "Northside," "Southside," and "Westside." The "proud parents" are the Boston Alumnae Chapter, aged 44. (Dare we mention

our age?) Naturally the "favorite flower" was the pansy and the "favorite toy," the kite. All the "favorite aunts," Boston Thetas, were urged to help support these new additions to the family. This letter was the brain-child of Edith Colegrove Noyes (Lambda), capable president of the Boston Alumnae Chapter.

Programs will range from politics to plain fun. In politics, Jean Gillespie Bowen (Beta Phi) of the Wellesley Planning Board spoke at the first Westside area meeting on the organization and functioning of the limited-town meeting form of government. Jean's excellent talk had everyone anxious to go out and ring doorbells to show her interest in local government.

Several luncheons have been arranged for plain fun to enable us to get to know one another a little better. Come, eat and talk will be the order of the day.

With meetings scheduled geographically and at varied times, every Theta in Greater Boston should now have a meeting she can attend, whether she be a career girl, the wife of a graduate-student in Boston temporarily or a busy suburban housewife. The whole "clan" is rallying to the support of the "new babies," our area groups, and through them the parent chapter as a whole.

Betty Teegardin Siek

BURLINGTON

The Burlington Alumnae Chapter wound up a busy and fruitful year with over \$100 raised for the Institute of Logopedics and for aid to the local Children's Home which, during the past year, has been constructing a new building. A "Calendar Party" at the beginning of the 1958-1959 season was the principal money-making plan used.

Alumnae approved and put into effect a plan to invite two active Thetas from the University of Vermont to each meeting. Members also reinstated a Big Sister program as a means of establishing closer relationships between the alumnae chapter and the active members. Each initiate and her big sister were entertained at the home of one of the alumnae.

Interest was expressed in a state-wide Rush Board to aid all sororities on campus so that scholastic information on prospective pledges might be pooled.

Founders' Day was observed January 6, 1959 with a buffet dinner at the Theta house with the actives attending. The speaker was Pearl Van Siclen Higbie, Manchester, Vermont, past grand president.

Alumnae expressed considerable interest in a plan calling for the opening of Burlington homes to foreign students at the University of Vermont and other nearby colleges, after hearing a talk by Mrs. Ernest Stark, former Czechoslovakian, now teaching English to foreign students at nearby St. Michaels College for men. Mrs. Stark is a graduate of the University of Vermont.

The eight graduating members were entertained by the alumnae chapter at a Senior Service May 19 at the home of Doris Wehrle Maeck.

Many Thetas returned to UVM for alumnae events, including June Spread, held at the Theta house. Guests included the seniors, the Theta housemother, Mrs. Lou M. Eddy, and Dean Emeritus Mary Jean Simpson, a Lambda Theta.

Gifts to the Theta house from Theta mothers in-

cluded a TV set and four table-cloths with matching napkins.

Lorraine S. Dwyer

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ALUMNÆ

Fall always brings great excitement to the Champaign-Urbana community, for some twenty thousand college students descend on us. The many activities of this busy twin-city area take on added zest, and as the season gains momentum, the Theta alums always get together to say "hello" after a summer apart.

We have a good time together. Ages are, of course, varied, but it doesn't seem to matter. We giggle and talk and eat dessert, and all of us are tickled to pieces to see one another and start an active and worthwhile winter working toward common goals.

We are proud of the work we do and the fun we have as Thetas. We raise money through a dance for our national philanthropy and give money locally to the Council of Social Agencies for help in fighting juvenile delinquency. We entertain Theta pledges, Theta seniors and the whole chapter at varied times during the year. We have a little sister plan which brings us closer to the active group, and we look forward to a Founders' Day banquet at the Theta house.

At the end of the year we always entertain our husbands at a picnic and tell them how wonderful they have been to baby sit and fix dinners and let us gad with the Thetas and work with the Thetas . . . and HELP us raise money for the Thetas. Then suddenly it's summer again, and we can scarcely wait for that wonderful September meeting when it all starts happily again.

Maxine Chambers Engert

CHICAGO-SOUTHSIDE

On January 26, 1959 a group of Chicago Southside alumnae braved the snow to venture out to Ye Olde Spinning Wheel restaurant in Hinsdale, Illinois. The occasion? Observation of Founders' Day held jointly with the Tri-Suburban group.

The trip was worth it, for all present came home inspired by the Founders' Day ceremony. The highlight of the program was a very informative talk "Let's Stand Up and Be Counted" given by Mary Brandriff, vice president from Grand Council. The group was both honored and inspired by having Mary Brandriff as our speaker.

Later Chicago Southside kept busy with plans for a spring benefit. Original ideas were sought to overcome the problem of a neighborhood which has become deluged with benefit dances, cocktail parties, luncheons and so on. Under the able leadership of our president, Beverly Davis Holman, this climaxed a very interesting year for Chicago Southside alumnae.

Loretta Griffin Hawthorne

CINCINNATI

The outstanding event on the calendar of the Cincinnati Alumnae was the long awaited Christmas House Tour. For the second year, it was a real money maker, thanks to energetic Carol Hardin and her committee.

The fall was packed full of activity. Helping the

Alpha Tau chapter at Cincinnati with rushing rewarded us with a wonderful pledge class. Our opening alumnae meeting was a luncheon presided over by our new president, Nancy Rixey. In October, Ann Frondorf gave us a report on rushing and Oria Shawe, head of the Mexican Consul, was our guest speaker. "Flowers" was the subject for November when Mr. John Becht of Julius Baer spoke.

Kenwood Country Club is to be the scene of the Founders' Day Luncheon on January 30, 1960. We hope that any visitors or newcomers will join us for this loveliest of Theta days.

We're looking forward to entertaining meetings with a department store detective, Theta interior decorator, Skippy Knoop and our two fine amateur golfers, Judy Anderson Diem and Janet McIntosh Mueller. A tea at the Art Museum is a new and delightful idea and we always look forward to our annual mother and daughter picnic to round out the year.

Patricia Gill Hake

CLEVELAND

Setting a quick pace, the Cleveland Alumnae Chapter is whirling into the new season with a benefit dance at the Country Club. Proceeds will go toward a piece of equipment for our local philanthropic interest, the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center.

During the year we shall continue with our new members' tea, December brunch for the actives, and a host of interesting meetings. This year we plan a special luncheon for Thetas who are unable to attend our evening meetings, another attempt to remain in contact with all Thetas in the area.

Dr. Harry Taylor, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, will speak to us January 18 at the home of Lois Champney Cornell, Beta Tau. Our Founders' Day message is titled, "The Greatest of These is Love."

In March, Gladys Miller Inman (Gamma Deuteron) will review the book *Looking Up* by Theta Jane Needham. At this meeting we shall all make Easter decorations for Metropolitan General Hospital. This work will be directed by Ginnie Wilson Laurie (Beta Beta), who was recently voted Cleveland's Volunteer of the Year.

The most exciting news from Cleveland is the adoption of the Gamma Deuteron chapter at Ohio Wesleyan University. These Thetas are building a new chapter house and there is so much we can do to help them. We are starting with a kitchen shower in April and hope we can go on to assist them in furnishing the house when it is completed. It is invigorating to again work closely with enthusiastic actives.

Helen Farnacy Churchill

COLUMBUS

Under the very capable leadership of our president, Shirley Thomas Keitz (Beta Tau), we feel we had a most successful year. Our board planned a year for fun and 225 alumnae, seeing what was in store, paid their dues and joined in. In November we entertained ourselves and our husbands or dates with a square dance and at the close of the evening we could see that we weren't quite as young as in the good old college days!

Our March meeting was a dessert at the house honoring our wonderful new Ohio State pledge class. Each pledge was introduced to the group by her alumnae big sister. This idea was a new one for us and one we plan to use again this year as both the pledges and the alumnae felt it so worthwhile. In April we treated ourselves to a delicious luncheon at the Scioto Country Club followed by an afternoon of bridge. We all enjoyed this so much that next year we are planning to have another and bring our friends.

Of course, we did have our share of service projects, but we did feel that having fun got the ball rolling, and once again this year we are looking forward to another year of fun.

Janet Bailey Hobson

DALLAS

Dallas Thetas enjoyed a most pleasant and eventful year under the capable leadership of Virginia Waters Shuford (Beta Sigma) and her executive board of fifteen women. Our harmonious and close affiliation with Beta Sigma chapter at Southern Methodist University in the city, was greatly due to the efforts of our Advisory Board and chairman, Virginia Hindman Freeman (Alpha Theta) and the Theta Educational Foundation of nine members and chairman, Elizabeth Wiseman Brosseau (Beta Sigma).

A catered luncheon followed our regular meetings at 11:00 A.M. in one of our members homes. Other events throughout the year were: a coke party to welcome and introduce new alumnae; a morning coffee to honor members of the Mothers' Club; a spring card party held at the chapter house; and a legacy party. Ethel Byrd Benjamin (Alpha Omicron) was the chairman for the Founders' Day banquet in February held in the ballroom of the Student Union Building on the SMU campus.

The evening Theta group had a calendar full of interesting programs and social activities. Rue Campell Ford (Gamma Psi) was the president of this group of young housewives and working girls. Their fund raising activity (besides the Christmas card sale) was a series of benefit bridge parties that earned \$105 for the Speech Center. All the girls exclaimed that the evening of bridge was a lot more fun than the previous year's bake sale! Beverly Byrne Taylor (Alpha Omicron) kept the girls in a social whirl with her clever ideas of activities which included a swimming and patio party, a Christmas party, a barbecue at a Dude Ranch and a luau party complete with water, flowers and palm trees!

Jean McClendon Lewis

DAYTON

The members of the Dayton Alumnae Chapter started the fall season with a delightful dinner and card party.

The meetings planned for this year are varied and should prove interesting to us all. We enjoyed our annual "Game Night" in October for members, families and friends. The proceeds from this evening went to our national project, the Institute of Logopedics.

Right now, Christmas is bringing our actives home for vacation, and we will meet with them for luncheon. Another highlight is the Christmas party for the

Hats Off to Dallas

First place winner in service to Dallas County was the award presented to the Dallas chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae September 23, 1959 by the Dallas *Times Herald* Club-women's Forum! "Big D" Thetas were completely overcome by joy and excitement as they watched via television news their chapter president, Elise Lipscomb Ferguson (Beta Sigma), and their special projects chairman, Katherine Anderson Mackaman (Beta Kappa), come forward from the crowd of 2,000 clubwomen to accept the plaque and a check for \$100 from the Dallas *Times Herald*.

In the publicity surrounding the award of service to the County the Dallas *Times Herald* wrote of the Theta's recently completed addition, known as Theta Court, to the Cerebral Palsy Clinic, Dallas alumnae's local philanthropy since 1949. (See Spring 1959 KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE, page 21.) Money for this community service and building came from contributions as memorials, donations and the proceeds from Dallas' annual Christmas card sale, 60,000 of which were sold in 1959. Thetas also gave countless volunteer hours to the Speech Center, under the direction of Virginia Diehl Sillers (Beta Eta).

children at the Dayton Hearing and Speech Society, our local philanthropic project.

Our Founders' Day banquet will be held at Trails-end Club, January 19 at 6:30. Mary Egerton Miller, our new alumnae district president will be the speaker.

The spring meetings will feature several guest speakers whose subjects will include "Diet, Disease and the Housewife," "Budget and Banking" and "Planning Your Landscape." We hope that a new theme, "Tasting Time," which characterizes our May meeting will satisfy women's curiosity about fancy foods. Also it will undoubtedly stir our culinary efforts in preparing our prize recipes to go on display.

Our program will wind up in June with our annual picnic for the actives and alumnae.

Gloria Key Cave

DENVER

The Christmas spirit was increased for Denver Theta alums by entertaining all actives in the area at a morning coffee, and by enjoying, with their husbands or escorts, an "open house" at the home of Helen Bryant Hutchison (Tau).

The Denver Country Club was the setting for our Founders' Day luncheon in February, also celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Denver Alumnae Chapter. Mary Brandriff, grand vice president, was our honored guest and speaker.

Later in February, Denver Theta alums had the pleasure of being hostesses to the Grand Council. A tea was held at the home of Gene Norgren Koelbel (Beta Iota). Invitations were sent to Panhellenic leaders, national officers, sorority presidents, all Thetas in

the area and our Mother's Club. We were honored to have in the receiving line our Grand President, Letty Munz; Grand Vice Presidents, Mary Brandriff, Flivver Little, Alice Gonser; our Members at Large, Josephine Stansfield, Evelyn Tunnicliffe; and our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Helen Sackett.

Our money-making projects for the year included a two day rummage sale, which was very successful in a monetary way. Also, we sold Christmas cards, paper and ribbon; wedding invitations; birth announcements; magazines; and dolls.

Alums helped with the Easter Seal drive; refreshment carts at Colorado General Hospital; gave a financial gift to Needlework Guild; a Campership to Sewell House for Crippled Children; money to the Institute of Logopedics; a donation to Beta Iota for Homecoming; and our large gift—a hydrocolator to Sewell House!

Charlotte Ann Fields

DES MOINES

Looking back on another year of activities in the Des Moines Alumnae Chapter brings many satisfying memories of work and fun shared. As always we are proud of our yearly project, the creation and sale of Christmas cards and the presenting of the money to the Cerebral Palsy Center in Des Moines and to the Institute of Logopedics in Wichita, Kansas. We gave a check to the Center for \$800 and to the Institute for \$100. Our new vice president, Gwen Henderson Dahlberg (Gamma Pi), presented the Center's check on a television program that initiated the Easter Seal drive in Des Moines.

In the work-and-earn category we held our annual rummage sale and amassed a tidy amount which will be used for the Beta Kappa chapter house at Drake University. Norma Wood Bowlsby (Beta Kappa) was chairman of this project.

Among social events this last year were a bridge party at the Beta Kappa chapter house, a dinner dance at the golf and country club with Betty Crouch Cline (Beta Kappa) in charge, a delightful dinner followed by a style show at the house with actives as guests, a May party at the country home of Grace Scholler Woltz (Beta Kappa).

A highlight was a visit by Betty Munger Towne, alumnae district president, who shared a dinner meeting with us at the Beta Kappa house.

Among the many enjoyable and companionable aspects of the Des Moines alumnae are the bridge and sewing groups within the large organization. They also make excellent units when projects are under way.

The calendar for the new season has some challenging programs scheduled—among them "Spotlight on the United Nations" and "Behind the Iron Curtain." Teas, buddy parties, Founders' Day celebration, and work, work, work on our Christmas card sale are in the busy program.

Charlotte Dickson Brunk

DETROIT

With the celebration of Founders' Day at a luncheon in January the Detroit Alumnae Chapter began another industrious and propitious year. On that occasion, Louise Tuthill Kingsbury was presented her

golden certificate marking fifty years of loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are especially pleased that our Christmas cards sales netted over \$2,000 for our philanthropies, which include the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic, the Institute of Logopedics and the Theta Scholarship Fund. This coming season will find us selling cards again and we will urge our customers to select a "charity" card designed by one of our members. It will be designated that all proceeds will benefit children at the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic. The Detroit chapter is sponsoring two children at the Clinic this year, the tenth year that we have done so. The progress of these children is an incentive to all of us to increase our fund-raising efforts.

Business and pleasure were combined in our second bridge marathon. Twenty-six couples met throughout the year and "out Gorened Goren" to raise money for the assistance of college chapters in Michigan. An October toy sale also proved lucrative and was fun for us.

Time out from fun and philanthropy to congratulate Barbara Fisher Harder who was re-elected Alumnae District President at District III Convention at Ann Arbor in April. Wilma Wagenvoord Ferguson was elected College District President of District III.

We look back on a season of interesting meetings, thousands of hours volunteered by our members to local projects, the hustle and bustle of fraternity procedures and we look ahead to even busier and more rewarding months.

Patricia Lewis Fletcher

EDMONTON

We started off in October with a dinner meeting especially to welcome the new alumnae. In November we held a coffee at the home of Dorothy Hall in order to raise funds. We had door prizes and sold our Christmas supplies. At our December meeting a guest speaker demonstrated fancy Christmas wrappings.

Our newly formed program committee is now busy lining up guest speakers for the balance of the year.

Our local philanthropy, The School for the Deaf, was pleased with the layette and contribution for educational films. The purpose of the layette is to help in visualizing objects as an aid in speech training in the kindergarten classes at the school. We will continue to carry on this same program during the current year.

Elaine Assaly

EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE

A birthday party at the Illinois Surgical Institute in September started fall activities for North Shore Thetas. Toys and games were distributed and cake and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Tau chapter house on the Northwestern campus was the setting for an open house on October 11 where Thetas and their husbands gathered to honor new Theta pledges and their new housemother, Mrs. Bernice Utt. The November meeting became five with a repeat of the popular regional meetings. Thetas opened their homes in each North Shore suburb so that we could become better ac-



What constitutes a homemade or handmade article? For the Theta sale of such articles held for philanthropy by Evanston North Shore Alumnae, Helen Hedges Stoetzel (Tau) brought Debonnaire Motif, a six-months old female puppy of impressive pedigree from her Hobby Ho Kennels. Everyone wanted Debonnaire (Debbie for short) but Ora Neill Hepworth (Beta Iota) went home the proud owner. Shown above l. to r. Helen Hedges Stoetzel, Debbie, Ora Neill Hepworth.

quainted with the old and new members at these smaller meetings.

Money raising activities were again the sale of brooms and silver polish plus the unique hostess book, *Who Cooked the Last Goose*. These activities made the following donations possible this year: Tau chapter at Northwestern received \$100 for its scholarship fund; the Institute of Logopedics received \$200; and the Illinois State Project received \$400.

The sewing group is again doing needed sewing for the Illinois Surgical Institute. This year they are also dressing a bride doll, complete with Dior inspired trousseau and steamer trunk, which will be raffled off at our Christmas party with proceeds to go to the Institute of Logopedics and the Illinois State Project for Handicapped Children.

Founders' Day last year was held at the Tau chapter house. Taking part in the Founders' Day ritual were the Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club, the Chicago North Shore Alumnae Club and our Evanston-North Shore Alumnae Chapter.

Ora Neill Hepworth

FORT COLLINS

Fort Collins' 1959-1960 year started last spring with election of Meribah Hodges as president, Sue Hartman, vice president, Marian Graham, secretary and Margaret Chamberlin as treasurer. A dinner for the seniors of the active Beta Gamma Chapter at Colorado State was held in April and the Mothers' Club was entertained in May.

Fall activities got under way with the September meeting, at which plans for alumnae assistance during rush week were made and hostesses and chapter "helpers" for the teas assigned.

Fort Collins Alumnae Chapter will be two years old in November. Formal celebration of this event was early with an area-wide tea held October 31 at the

chapter house, with invitations sent to Thetas in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

Mrs. Alan Brown Adam

FRESNO

We happily enjoyed a very large attendance for our Founders' Day luncheon when we joined the actives of Gamma Chi at Fresno State at the Hacienda Motel for that memorable occasion. Alice Gonser, grand vice president, was our special guest.

Undaunted by any superstition, Friday, February 13, was the day we chose for our now traditional Latchstring Day. The occasion required ten large homes and many hostesses for brunches, lunches and dessert parties. So successful it was, that Latchstring Day in 1960 will be extended for three days.

After the meeting for installing our 1959-1960 officers, we carried on a White Elephant sale. At the District Convention held at the Gamma Xi chapter house in San Jose Fresno alumnae won the Traveling Award for the greatest philanthropic help and financial support to a college chapter during the past two years.

In May we presented silver spoons to graduating Gamma Chi seniors at a breakfast in the garden at the home of Zona Aldrich Humphries (Gamma Chi).

Thetas and their husbands enjoyed a delightful Hawaiian luau as a "fun party" early in September. At a regular meeting later in the month definite plans for an auction, to be held in October, were made. Other fund raising activities to finish out the year were the annual sale of Christmas cards, Social Capers (calendars) and two White Elephant sales.

With the actives on such tight schedules at rush time, we kept the larder full, each day, with sandwiches and other finger foods so that meals were not missed. The holiday season brought us together again at the chapter house for our annual Christmas party. Our guest on this evening was an exchange student from Sweden.

Ruth Tate Jorgensen

HARTFORD

Because of the unpredictable, and often inclement, weather in New England in January, the members of the Greater Hartford Alumnae Chapter reasoned that a Founders' Day celebration in the spring would enable them to draw a larger proportion of the organization to the event without losing any of the enthusiasm or meaning of the occasion. We chose a Saturday in May, and decided upon a luncheon to include, not only our own chapter, but the New Haven, Connecticut, and Springfield, Massachusetts, Alumnae Clubs as well. Flyers were designed in the traditional kite shape and were mailed to members of the three organizations. These stated the particulars of the luncheon, and included a reservation blank. The results were most gratifying, and the total attendance included not only thirty of our own members, but twenty-two of the club guests as well.

The chapter was extremely fortunate to secure Dottie French of Hartsdale, New York, and a member at large of Grand Council as guest speaker. Our guest list also included Mrs. Blanche McNelly, who, in June, was retiring as Resident Counselor for the Gamma Zeta chapter at the University of Connecticut,

where for many years she had successfully influenced the lives of the many actives who were under her guidance.

All who attended were extremely enthusiastic over the success of the luncheon. It not only gave us the chance to meet our sister alumnae from neighboring organizations, but also afforded ample opportunity for exchange of ideas and program planning for the coming year. It was the hearty agreement of all to make a spring joint luncheon an annual event as our means of paying tribute to the founding of our great fraternity.

Nancy Messenger Smith

HOUSTON

The Houston Theta Alumnae kite was sailing high aloft in January when the founding sisters of our fraternity were honored at the Founders' Day banquet at the Houston Country Club. Our birthday pennies were contributed, and three fifty-year-awards were presented. They went to Maidell Baker Kitrell (Alpha Theta), Carrie Calhoun Walker (Kappa) and Eveline Abbott Woodruff (Psi). Blanche Higgenbotham (Upsilon) was made an honorary life member of our chapter. The program was a style show with models from the chapter.

Our kite continued to fly in February when the new officers were elected at a coffee meeting. They were installed in March, and at the same meeting a panel discussion on rush was presented. When a group of handicapped youngsters from the Houston Speech and Hearing Center were given a lesson by Dr. and Mrs. Jack L. Bangs at the April meeting, our kite fairly rose with pride in that the Speech and Hearing Center is our local philanthropic project.

In May and June our kite bobbed and tossed with joy at the husband's picnic on Lake Houston and at the undergraduate luncheon. Our kite string was tugged on a bit at the District XII Convention held at the University of Texas June 7-9. Many ideas for smoother sailing were both given and gotten. Summer rush and preparation for the September Antique Show kept our kite whipping about all summer. The show on September 22, 23 and 24 under the able leadership of Mary Chandler Lyman Kinzbach (Alpha Phi) and Pat Hall Knoll (Alpha Iota) was, in our opinion, the best show ever! It should have been, however, with six years of experience.

In October our kite leveled off again to hear the success report of the Antique Show and to hear the plans for the November Theta luncheon at which our Theta mothers were honored. So our Theta year ended with our kite still flying and seeking higher levels still.

Rebecca Crowder Shatto

INDIANAPOLIS

After many years of the annual Christmas Bazaar, we broke away from tradition and held a large dance in January, with Jan Calvert as chairman, at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. We not only had fun, but raised funds to contribute: \$400 to the Institute of Logopedics; \$400 to Marion County Child Guidance Clinic; \$100 to Loan and Fellowship.

As part of fraternity education, we held a luncheon and style show "Theta Through the Years," written

and produced by Glee Green Menke and Mumpy Brandt McDermond, at the Meridian Street Methodist Church. Costumes ranged from knee-length bathing suits to raccoon coats. Wish we had space to list our gorgeous models!

Jan Calvert worked hard on installation of Nu chapter at Hanover, and initiation of 30 darling girls—many of us attended.

Harriett Dickerson Hull spoke on "Pennsylvania Dutchiana" at State Day Luncheon.

Monthly programs included convention reports by Martha Baur and Jan Calvert; installation of officers with Marge Hanley as incoming president; film trips to Jamaica, the Indianapolis Speedway, Jim Eldridge's report of his visit to Prime Minister Macmillan's home.

In April we entertained the Indiana Panhellenic Association at Gamma chapter house with a film of the Natchez Garden Tour.

Martha Baur, Ann Cree, Marge Hanley and Maggie Davis drove to Lafayette for District Convention in April, and were guests for tea at the beautiful new Alpha Chi chapter house.

Ann Burkert Cree

KANSAS CITY

The past year for the Kansas City Alumnae Chapter has been notable for the appearance of many new faces at monthly dinner meetings and on committees, due largely to the influence of the get-acquainted *Katena* parties for new alums given last fall.

In October the Flaming Festival with Elizabeth Cramer Layton (Kappa) as general chairman netted us a profit of \$1600, of which \$500 was sent to the Institute of Logopedics.

We also donated \$500 to help provide a therapist for the new Kappa Alpha Theta Clinic which opened in Kansas City this June to provide speech therapy for students residing in Missouri. Thetas continue to volunteer one morning a week for clerical work at the Speech Field Center.

Actives and pledges home from school for the Christmas holidays were entertained at an afternoon



These worried Thetas (with headaches, so the chapter editor says) are Kansas City alums trying to find room for hundreds of candles on sales counters at the annual Flaming Festival. L. to r. Alice Neal Clarkson (Kappa), Peggy Blowers Enger (Beta Tau), and Betty Sauder Byers (Kappa).

"coke" party given by our officers and members of the hospitality committee.

Founders' Day, despite the inevitable snow, drew 110 members to take part in the traditional ritual led by president Jane Duff Cain (Alpha Mu), to acclaim Anna Wray Vanorden Growdon (Alpha Mu) as Theta of the Year, to honor fifty-year-members Ann Stophlet Montgomery (Delta) and Charlotte Talpey Potts (Alpha Mu) and to enjoy a humorous skit depicting Theta "firsts" throughout the decades.

April witnessed two Theta migrations—one, westward to Lawrence for the District Convention under the efficient management of Sue Snyder Hoffstot (Alpha Upsilon), the other eastward to Columbia, Missouri, when forty of our Alpha Mu alumnae attended their chapter's fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Our husbands joined us to wind up the year with a June picnic at Lake Lotawana.

Catherine Mattson Jensen

LAFAYETTE

One of the outstanding features of the year for District I was the installation in late February of the Nu chapter at Hanover College. Also, our alumnae chapter had the pleasant duty and privilege of being hostess to the District I Convention April 24-26, 1959. The convention progressed smoothly under the able management of Catherine Overly Schroyer (Alpha Chi) and her very efficient committee chairmen.

The traditional brunch for the graduating seniors of the Purdue Alpha Chi chapter was observed in May. Julia Jones Lehman (Alpha Chi), the new president of the Lafayette Alumnae Chapter, inducted these girls into the alumnae group. Another delightful occasion on our social calendar was the annual picnic in June with the husbands and beaux held at the home of Ellen Meyer Seeger (Alpha Chi).

One of the much needed items in the furnishing of the Purdue active chapter's new house was a place to keep the china. Helen Siegmund Porter (Gamma), new president of the Home Association, proposed that our alumnae chapter donate a custom-made china closet. Our annual campaigns to sell home-made fruit cake, silver polish and magazines enabled us to accomplish this ambition.

Another project this group worked on during the summer which should be of great usefulness to the active chapter was to complete the decorating of the recreation room and to provide a separate chapter room by decorating and furnishing another section of the basement. The alumnae chapter also made new and restored other initiation robes for the active members.

Jean McPherson Heinmiller (Beta) who has represented us on the Lafayette City Panhellenic was chosen recently as its treasurer.

We were happy to join with our good friends, the Lafayette Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae, to celebrate the Christmas social season. Our group, under the chairmanship of Anna Louise Cole Swezey (Beta), looked forward to this dinner-dance at the Lafayette Country Club, thus closing a very active 1959 season for our local alumnae.

Nancy Ann Crockett

LANSING-EAST LANSING

A visit to an art gallery—an abrupt change in programming—proved to be one of the most exciting and stimulating events of the 1959-1960 year for the Lansing-East Lansing Thetas. The brand new Kresge Art Center—a part of the art department of Michigan State University—was donated to the University by the Kresge Foundation and opened its doors to the public in the spring of 1959. With fine space for artists and students, the Center has its own studios overlooking the lovely Red Cedar River. Different traveling exhibits are featured each month with special galleries reserved for children's art and local students' work.

We were proud to be the first Panhellenic group to tour the galleries, and especially pleased to have chosen November for our visit because of the special exhibit of that month, the New York Galleries, considered by the Art Center to be one of the best of the year. A short lecture by an art instructor from MSU filled us with the same enthusiasm for the Art Center and the exhibit which the University feels. We saw pictures by a select group of outstanding American artists—a cross section of contemporary American art especially chosen by the staff at Michigan State. All of us enjoyed our short journey into the world of art and have promised ourselves to return again.

The rest of our year followed the pace we set in November. Carrying out her slogan "Every Theta an Active Theta" Nanette VanDervoort Martin continued her excellent leadership of the alumnae chapter.

Santa Claus came early to Lansing and again thrilled the children at our annual Cerebral Palsy Christmas party. With jingle bells ringing, Santa handed out our brightly wrapped gifts to all the eager children. For Lansing Thetas, Christmas warmth begins at the time of this favorite philanthropy.

Our Founders' Day Banquet, a most popular innovation of last year, features as speaker our grand vice president, Mrs. C. Edward Brandriff. Actives from the Beta Pi chapter and local alumnae enjoy the chance to honor our founders and to become better acquainted themselves on this occasion. Springtime brings us another opportunity to know our local actives as we honor graduating seniors at the home of Sarah Shaw Hannah, wife of Michigan State University's president. We welcome them as alumnae at this dinner and invite them to join us in the alumnae world of Theta activity.

Nancy Simmons Berger

LINCOLN

Setting the pendulum in motion for the coming fall season was the exciting summer task of redecorating the Rho chapter house by Ruth Farnham Traphagen and the Lincoln alumnae maintenance committee. A large portion of the proceeds from local alumnae money raising projects helps underwrite the cost of this decorating, and the beautiful finished result strikes pride to the hearts of alumnae and actives alike.

"A Preview of Rush Week" was the incentive for a coffee meeting held August 27 at the home of Marian Fleetwood Wright. A survey of all the Nebraska rushees was presented by Joan Farrar Swanson,

alumnæ rush advisor. Responsibility for all of the food, flowers and decorations for rush parties is always undertaken by the Lincoln chapter alumnae and it was with heightened interest that we looked forward to the Panhellenic rush week. The summit of the fall's immensely successful rush activities was the Sunday tea complimenting the new pledges and their parents given by the Lincoln alumnae at the Kappa Alpha Theta chapter house.

Fun, friendship and money making projects were the order of the evening at the October dinner meeting at the home of Katherine Clark Thompson. Suggestions were made concerning the Lincoln alumnae's traditional Christmas gift to the chapter house. Fun in the future involved plans made for the children's Christmas party held each December at the Rho chapter house . . . a delightful event when alumnae, their children and the actives combine to celebrate the holiday spirit and mingle the past, present and future of Theta.

Joan Metcalfe Watts

LONG BEACH

Long Beach Alumnae Chapter had varied meetings to suit many interests, from the first fall meeting, with an entertaining book review for its program at the home of Betty Maddock, to a luncheon in August at the Balboa Bay Club, as guests of Orange County Theta Alumnae.

Under the fine leadership of our President Nikki Pittman and continuing as successfully under the new administration of Virginia Hall and other officers elected this spring, we carried on several fund-raising projects with good outcome. A white elephant auction at Juanita Ritter's lovely home on Alamitos Bay was great fun as well as profitable financially! Benefit bridge at Virginia Hall's and the sale of silver polish, all had their part in contributing our sizeable quotas to the Institute of Logopedics, the Long Beach Girl Scouts and the Boys and Girls Aid Society (Five Acres, for emotionally disturbed children) in Altadena. The largest benefit of all was the Southern California Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Beverly-Hilton Hotel, featuring fashions by Irene, with many Long Beach Thetas in attendance. A memorial gift of \$100 was given to Beta Xi, UCLA, by the Long Beach chapter in memory of Adeloise Horn, a much-loved member who passed away last year.

We enjoyed a coffee hour during the Christmas vacation held at Marge McNair's home in honor of actives and pledges, with about twelve girls present. Beautiful Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro was the scene of the Founders' Day luncheon in January, in which we joined in celebration with the South Bay (Palos Verdes Thetas).

Potluck suppers were popular. Besides one with talks by two exchange students at Nellie Yankie's, was one with husbands as guests for swimming and picnic at the home of Virginia Astle in Corona del Mar. With the installation of new officers, we also enjoyed films of the European trip of Marie Ferguson and family. An unusual program was "Pitchers, not

Pictures" for a coffee hour at the home of Charlotte Arnold.

Audrey Foote Brown

LONG ISLAND

The 1958 season for the Long Island Thetas was climaxed by a festive Christmas buffet, at which everyone donated a present to be distributed to the children at St. Francis Cardiac Hospital in Roslyn, Long Island.

We welcomed 1959 with Kay Vorbach Fox (Adelphi) as our new president. This year has particular significance for the Long Island Thetas, for it marks our tenth anniversary as a chapter. In April we celebrated the event with an anniversary luncheon at Stauffers in Garden City. We were honored and delighted to have Letty Munz, our grand president, and Dottie French, member at large, with us for the occasion. Both of these ladies were present at the 1949 installation, and we welcomed their leadership now as we did then.

Our theater benefit at the Westbury Music Fair, a production of *L'il Abner*, was successful as well as enjoyable, and again enabled us to continue support of our two philanthropies—The Institute of Logopedics and a war orphan.

In June we entertained the actives who were home from their college chapters. Pat Kiesling Franz (Adelphi) gave a report from the Allegheny District Convention. The recommendation procedures and practices were of special interest to all members present.

Our first meeting this fall was an afternoon tea at which we were fortunate indeed to have Marion Heddon Hinderer, alumnae district president, as speaker.

We are looking forward once again to an active season of work and pleasure, and invite all new Thetas in the area to join us.

Marlene Muller Robbins

LOS ANGELES

One of the outstanding events in Los Angeles is the biennial benefit luncheon and fashion show, given by the Southern California Federation and taking place this year on February 10, 1959 at the Beverly-Hilton. Miriam Bradshaw Paquette (Alpha) was chairman of



One of the jobs of Panhellenic is to support each university, keep abreast of what is going on. Thus, Theta's Lansing alumnae were doing part of their Panhellenic job when they toured the new Kresge Art Center at Michigan State, the first such group to tour the galleries this fall.

this successful affair featuring fashions by Irene. More than 1000 attended and Los Angeles received as its portion—\$897.42 to allocate to various charities. Foster Parents received \$205, Institute of Logopedics \$100, USO \$60, Florence Crittenton Home \$282.42, the Jessie Ray Hanna Fund \$100, Boys and Girls Aid \$150.

Founders' Day was observed March 10, 1959 at a dinner at the Carolina Pines. Katherine Potts Saunders (Alpha Lambda) and Jessie Ray Hanna (Phi) were honored with fifty-year awards. Julie Frazer, Beta Xi and Phi Beta Kappa, was awarded \$50 from the Jessie Ray Hanna Fund in recognition of her scholarship and honors brought to Theta. This is a gift to help her in graduate work.

Barbara Brinkerhoff Lloyd (Beta Xi) was the district delegate to the convention at Santa Barbara and was given a gavel to honor the Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter for its continued service over the years.

A stimulating and successful year under the capable leadership of Fritz Nedendrip Huntington (Beta Mu) ended on a nostalgic note with the brunch at the home of Cecile Hershman Keeney (Phi). The program, entitled "Remember When," featured four Thetas who recalled activities and alumnae development in the past. Irene Taylor Heineman (Omega) covered the years from 1905-1920, Frances Brown Day (Alpha Psi) 1920-1930, Hazel White McAvoy (Phi) 1930-1950 and Martha Boyd White (Beta) 1950 to the present. Martha, a member of Grand Council, included future plans that national has for the alumnae chapters.

Marjorie Finch McClanahan

MADISON

Madison's program is being sparked by a fine group of officers headed by Jean Lee Devereaux Kiley (Psi) and Emily Graham Kiekhofe (Psi). To assist these two, Theta chapters the country over have contributed such peppy and delightful people as Ann Kenmuir Hyde (Omega), Martha Baker Sumner (Beta Pi), Isabel Neiswanger Hughes (Alpha Upsilon) and Joan Killinger Berney (Beta Omicron). In addition, Beta Zeta sent us Marylu de Watteville Raushenbush who has made a very definite spot for herself by her enthusiasm and capability—so much so that this year she has been elected president of Madison Alumnae Panhellenic.

One of Madison's big projects is in aiding Psi chapter. Here alumnae function on such things as advisory boards, building corporations and in recognizing outstanding students. All the people serving in these capacities are too numerous to mention in such a newsletter, but if you should come to Madison and be impressed by the good will between alums and actives, the high scholarship of the active chapter—first at the University of Wisconsin this year with Barbara Brandriff and Mary Snell winning both Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi awards—and by the beautifully redecorated home of the Psi chapter, you will realize that in addition to the previously mentioned people thanks must be given to interested alumnae like Elinor Neckerman Stege, Catherine Conner Spencer, Elinor Westbury Koepcke, Jean Peterson Huegel,

Mary Olmsted Rayne, Marjorie Kay Baer Scharch (all of Psi), Joan Gauchat Jennerjohn (Beta Rho), and Elizabeth Fox Wettenell, Miriam Carlson Thorne, Muriel Clapp Curry and Kathleen Stewart Green (of Alpha Psi).

For our own enlightenment and fun, a reading of *The Music Man*, a talk on investments, a benefit bridge with clever "rooster" table decorations to be used as prizes and made for us by Martha Hill Hart (Psi), dinner for the pledges and one for the seniors, as well as a program on "Colors in Decorating" given at the lovely apartment home of Violet Bagley Miller (Psi)—she who so kindly totes that excellent and money-making silver polish from home to home for us—these, plus a lovely Founders' Day dinner as guests of Psi chapter gave us a varied and adequate year.

Margaret Hall Rieman

MIAMI

The busy fingers of the Miami Alumnae Chapter again turned to our annual Christmas bazaar in 1958, and the net profit was \$2,298.01. It was satisfying to be able to contribute \$200.00 to the Institute of Logopedics and for the second year to give \$1,500.00 to the program for emotionally disturbed children at South Florida State Hospital, for which we were honored by articles in local papers and awarded a Community Service Certificate by the *Miami Daily News*. The certificate was presented on a local television program on which several Thetas appeared.

We also assembled 38 Christmas gifts for mental patients and assisted in issuing the *Southeastern Florida Mental Health Bulletin* every month as we have done for eleven years.

The Christmas dance was renewed last December to the great joy of many Thetas and guests, and a Christmas "coffee," that social function peculiar to the south, honored actives, pledges and their mothers.

Ellen Hamilton Lojinger (Gamma) was installed as chapter president last April and represented us at District XI convention at Athens, Georgia, in June, where Jean Muter Bechtolt (Alpha Omega) of Miami was elected Alumnae District President. We are doubly honored now since our Elizabeth Whalton Little (Beta Nu), known as "Flivver" to Thetas all over the globe, is our grand vice president, Finance Program.

This has been an extremely worthwhile and happy year, and although we now number 163 we are never at a loss for names due to the efforts of Jean Bilderman Wright (Delta), who espoused the idea of name tags for all.

Anne Chichester Eason

MILWAUKEE

The 1958-1959 season turned out to be another successful one for our chapter. Joanne Trenchard French (Tau) began her tenure of office as our president at our "get acquainted" meeting in September. Joanne gave us her report on Grand Convention. Looking back over the year, we are sure Joanne contributed as much as she brought back to us. As a result of her report, we decided to form a rush board to handle the 1959-1960 rush activities.

Fall, as always, found us knee deep in our Christmas card project, handled ably by Joan Henderson Boerner (Psi) and Nancy Richter Tillman (Psi). Our profits again supported our local charity, the Volunteers of America Day Nursery, as well as the Institute of Logopedics. At Grand Convention, Joanne was presented the \$2500 philanthropy award for our chapter—a source of satisfaction to all whose efforts made it attainable.

For Christmas, we provided decorations for the Day Nursery. Ruth Sunerhering Bart (Tau) and Joyce Cisco Reak (Psi) designed large Christmas mobiles which brought rave notices from the recipients.

At our Founders' Day luncheon, Roxy Smith Bremner (Alpha Lambda) entertained us with witty and nostalgic remarks about the early days of Theta. Roxy and Susan Porter Streets (Stanford) were awarded their fifty-year-awards.

The remainder of our meetings maintained a happy balance between having fun and increasing our understanding of fraternity and community activities.

As our fine year closed, we were sorry to learn that our capable president was moving to Peoria. We all miss Joanne, but her vice president, Marge Swenson Soper (Alpha), has taken over with finesse.

We look forward to the coming year—to more service, more knowledge, more friendships, more fun—through Theta.

Betty Long Doyle

MINNEAPOLIS

With charm and finesse our second-term president, Vicki Hall Harlow (Alpha Kappa), led 100 Minneapolis Thetas through a series of good meetings and projects in 1959-1960—programs, dinners, work-sessions and just plain conviviality.

Our Founders' Day luncheon was highlighted by the honoring of nine Upsilon fifty year members. Sara Foorman Kirkman (Alpha Chi), college president, district VIII, and our mistress of ceremonies, introduced one of them, Luella Bussey Cook, nationally known educator, who in turn introduced the others: Muriel Harsha Campbell, Kate Martin Dorr, Florence Greiner, Marjorie Child Husted, Helen Barnett Lincoln, Marion Miller, Mary Fraser Morse and Virginia Chase Terrell. Mrs. Husted, the original Betty Crocker of General Mills, spoke on "Opportunities for Women."

Neighborhood parties in February were fun—dessert, bridge, conversation. Our annual salad luncheon in April provided wonderful food and a charming reading of a Broadway play, as well as our contribution to the Institute of Logopedics. In June we were delighted to be hostesses to the District VIII Convention at the Biltmore Motor Hotel in Edina. Florence Benner Wylie, our guest from Grand Council, added a great deal, and the results of workshop sessions with sister chapters and clubs were encouraging.

This year's first dinner meeting at the home of Barbara Compton Cooper (Upsilon) was successful beyond expectation and we anticipate another good year under our new officers, led by Imogene Colburn Hickey (Upsilon). We enthusiastically welcome into

our chapter the Minneapolis members of the former Twin City Junior club.

Kathryn Salisbury Ring

NASHVILLE

Last January we Nashville alums had a really darling program, one that you might like to read about and maybe use part of the idea one day. First of all, there was a good crowd to join in and cheer all the participants along.

Jean Ward Oldfield, program chairman, had things running smoothly so we were relaxed while watching. Theta has been on Vanderbilt's campus long enough to see changes in many things—from policy to costume. Jean divided the skit part of the program into four decades to show these things that all of us wanted to see and hear about.

Mildred Stoves and Kathryn Mims, of the 20's, looked too cute in their attic dresses getting ready for a big party. We heard about that daring idea of bobbing their hair. They were a little apologetic since it was such a frivolous thing to do.

The 30's to 40's skit showed Adelaide Shull Davis and Elizabeth Cornelius Collins and their friends chatting about what they would say at the Founders' Day banquet. They put on evening dresses of the times right over their clothes and did a few dance steps from their school days and sang a song or two.

Mary Lee Matthews Manier and Martha Hardcastle Warfield were two from the 40's to 50's, who took a sentimental journey through the forty's. Something that seemed pretty important was the shortage of men on the campus during the war.

Katherlyn Farris Beazley, the M.C., brought on the 50's to 60's group with a poem for each year. Sally Peebles Alexander and Elizabeth Smith Bass were just two who dressed as their year, one in '59 going to the moon, and another in '51 telling about Nashville's deep freeze.

Jo Ann Denman Akers

NEW YORK

The New York Alumnae Chapter is launching activities with great excitement this year. It bought a block of 60 tickets for the new Rodgers-Hammerstein musical, *Sound of Music*, with Mary Martin. The show opened in late November and Thetas and their friends saw it December 14, a few weeks later. The effort was planned as a benefit for the Institute of Logopedics. The nominal surcharge on the tickets will be forwarded to the Institute. If the evening proves to be a success financially, the theater party may become a regular fund-raising thing.

The New York Thetas have some fun raising, too. Meetings are always friendly get-togethers with entertaining and often stimulating programs. Last year a United Nations correspondent told how she covered her beat. Jean Chiesa, executive editor of *Harper's Bazaar*, described how the magazine rushed the news of the Paris Fashions to the presses. Programs may cover such topics as the arts, current events, travel and even politics. This Christmastime the Theta party was devoted to doing something for others. Gifts were made for the youngsters at the Institute of Logopedics.

Chapter meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, fall through spring. (Summer is beach time—recess). Members who are blessed with roomy apartments may share their homes with the Thetas for a meeting, or maybe the chapter will splurge and hold a meeting in a downtown club or hotel.

The chapter puts out a directory of members each fall. It is handy to gather the clan at meeting time or brush up on members' names. There is no Theta phone number in the city directory, but newcomers to Gotham can find us by contacting the president, Betty Baur Lambert (Mrs. James B.), Purdue, 66 E. Brookside Drive, Larchmont, N.Y.

Jill Faust

OKLAHOMA CITY

President Bette Black Keitz assumed office in the spring and the new board went immediately into action. Eleven rush parties were held during the spring and summer with active participation of 145 alumnae. Harvest was gathered in September at Theta houses in Norman and Stillwater. Among the 41 fine pledges at Alpha Omicron were six from Oklahoma City—Patricia Morrison, Mary Jane Pemberton, Shirley Richart and three Theta daughters, Virginia Carol Hood (Virginia Ford Hood), Linda Anne Frensley (Maida Parr Frenzley) and Sharon Davis (Margaret Jackman Davis). Beta Zeta welcomed one daughter Kay Louise McGee (Helen Blue McGee) and Tonie Acosta, Ann Hurst, Kaye Middleton, Sheryl Montgomery, Patricia Polk from Oklahoma City and Betsy Hurt of Edmond. Total: 38 pledges in all.

Opening meeting of the fall was a delightful registration coffee in the home of Eleanor Burton Reece. We now number 366 alumnae. Our Panhellenic representatives, Anne Tankersley McClain and Eunice Jenkins Ellis, have undertaken the guidance of the budget for Oklahoma City's large Panhellenic organization.

November 11 was our annual Flaming Festival, our money-making project which has proven such a success in the past and November 15, a gala dance at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club to celebrate the golden anniversary of the founding of Kappa Alpha Theta at the University of Oklahoma (Alpha Omicron). Actives, alumnae, dates and husbands attended and danced to Jimmy Dorsey's orchestra.

The chapter allocated \$1500—as the 1959 donation to the Institute of Logopedics, and \$1000 to local philanthropies which include \$100 divided between the United Fund, the Oklahoma City Symphony Society, the Oklahoma Art Center and the Y.W.C.A.; \$400 to the Sunbeam Home for Children, and an additional \$500 given to Sunbeam Home in the name of Kappa Alpha Theta by Margaret Katz Goldman.

Louise Scott Bass

OMAHA

The Omaha alumnae have had little opportunity to rest on their laurels since the very successful Theta Mart held last October. Under the chairmanship of Kay McCaffrey Adams (Rho) we staffed the "Hat booth" at the Children's Hospital Bazaar, and even enticed our husbands to help model the lovely chapeaux.

In December, Mary Benton Meyer (Alpha Upsilon) graciously opened her home for our Christmas brunch given for the actives. Again in June, we welcomed the new graduates and underclassmen at the home of Mary Helen Davis Vogel (Rho).

This year we again gave out support, both financially and through volunteer services, to the Omaha Hearing School. In the spring we were able to donate a much needed audiometer to the newly completed building.

The home of Helen Krug Shukert (Rho) was the setting for the Founders' Day gathering. At this time Dorothy Gregg Musselman (Rho) was elected president.

Gracia Eythe Hasebroock (Rho), greetings chairman, has inaugurated a new custom we hope to continue in the future. She held a coffee for all new Thetas in the Omaha area to give them the opportunity to meet one another and the board members in a small and informal setting.

One of the highlights of our meetings has been the monthly letter we received from Rho chapter at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, keeping us up to date on their activities. We have felt much closer to our college chapter through these amusing and informative notes, and hope they will continue the practice for years to come.

Our immediate past president, Jane Van Sickle Clemons (Rho), has again made Omaha very proud with her election as Alumnae President of District VIII.

Joanne Swerre Gilmore

PASADENA

The Theta kite was traveling far from Pasadena the spring and summer of 1958, so the November meeting held at the Flintridge home of Alice Kurtz Patty, Missouri, had as its theme "Around the World in Thirty Minutes" starring Beulah Holeman Titus, Washington; Irene Combe Miller, SC; Betty Hughes Briggs, SC; Helen Geary Hubbard, California; Florence Parmalee Collison, SC; and Toni Seip Alexander, UCLA, who entertained us with the high points of their recent travels. Previewed at the same meeting were the wonderful wares of the Theta Juniors' talent sale, held later in the month to benefit Five Acres, a home for emotionally disturbed children, our local philanthropy.

A Christmas tea was held at the home of Sallie Love Banks Bickel, Missouri, with carols by celebrated Madrigal singers and Founders' Day was celebrated jointly with the Juniors at a dessert luncheon at the San Marino home of Gwen Laurie MacDonald Smits, UCLA. An unusual program of "Who's Who Among Southern California Thetas" introduced college and alumnae representatives.

Rose Nelson Harrington, Missouri, was president of the Southern California Federation of Theta which sponsored another beautiful benefit luncheon with fashions by Irene at the Beverly-Hilton in February.

"Men's Night" in April, our cocktail dinner party just for fun, was held at the South Pasadena residence of Eve (Chase) and Jack Gemmill with sister Peg (Chase) and Mark Godfrey helping do the honors.



Pittsburgh alums happily serve themselves at the annual smorgasbord. L. to r., Jean Linnert Jenner (Mu), past president Lois Milliken Harper (Alpha Omega), Alpha Omega housemother Mrs. Alberta MacCrum, Marilyn Wilson Skelly (Beta Phi).

This past summer was an active one, preparing for our elegant October benefit at the renowned Stuart Building.

Jean Rutherford Talman

PHILADELPHIA

A crisis always unites a group for action. This year the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter, with its concern for the future of the Beta Eta chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, has met one. Philadelphia, in its redevelopment program in the University area, plans to tear down the houses on Beta Eta's block to widen the street. Also, the University has an expansion program whereby it will include all the area from the Schuylkill River to 40th Street between Chestnut and Spruce Streets. Due to the combined pressures of the City and the University, the women's fraternity houses soon will be faced with changes of location.

Our corporation board president, Mildred Wolfe Jones, instigated Panhellenic to submit a building program to the University to avoid being pushed "off campus." We are now awaiting action of the trustees regarding Panhellenic's requests and recommendations of the combined houses for a women's fraternity quadrangle near the women's dormitories on the University campus.

Our money-raising projects have long been aimed at reducing the 20-year-mortgage on the Beta Eta house. It was paid off this summer. The burning of the mortgage and the chapter's fortieth anniversary were celebrated at a dinner meeting November 11 to which Beta Eta alumnae and the Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter were invited. Ironical, isn't it, that this house will probably soon be demolished?

Programs for the year will include Carol Bayfield's report on the Officers' Conference, a book review, a horticulture talk and a May picnic honoring the college seniors.

Emily Field Johnson

PITTSBURGH

The expectation of good food enticed many Theta alumnae to come from all parts of the Pittsburgh area to meet for the first time of the season on September 19 at the University of Pittsburgh chapter house. Reservations for lunch began coming in as soon as the Pittsburgh newspapers reported the annual event. The Alumnae Directory also was distributed the same week, and the telephone committee completed the effort to make sure that all who could would attend the luncheon and important meeting.

Ann Jones Smitson (Alpha Chi) was chairman. With the help of Mary Ruth Fleming (Alpha Omega) these two dieticians planned and presented a smorgasbord that would have pleased even the Swedish. The food was prepared by the executive committee with each one outdoing the next in her efforts at cooking and decorating. The centerpiece on the buffet table was also a typically Swedish one. White candlesticks were on either side of a large platter of red cabbage leaves filled with red cabbage slaw. Fish and cheese dishes predominated on the menu along with the traditional Swedish meat balls. Mary Ruth Fleming made the beautiful Swedish rosettes for dessert.

The president, Paula Kane Cosgrove (Alpha Omega), and the executive board hope that the smorgasbord will encourage more Pittsburgh alumnae to participate in the rest of the interesting programs this year which were previewed at the meeting following the smorgasbord luncheon.

Mary Ann Potter Grigsby

PORTLAND

Under the able guidance of second termer Mary Englesby Yoke, Portland Theta alums can look back on a full year, and forward to an even more exciting one.

During the summer, June graduates were welcomed into the junior alum ranks at the annual swimming party and picnic. This event was thought up a few years ago, and is ever increasingly popular. So much so, that next year, husbands and beaux will be included.

Beginning the fall season, a newsletter containing pertinent facts about our local organization, gossip items and an outline of the year's plans were mailed to all Theta alumnae in the Portland area.

The first fall meeting in September found us at the Tucker-Maxon Oral School where the director, Miss Hattie Harrell, spoke. This was of special interest, since this school for the deaf is our local philanthropy. It was inspirational to become acquainted with this school where the modern principles of oral speech are taught to help children become adjusted to living in our very vocal society.

Next on the calendar was our fourth annual Flaming Festival. With the talented "Sally" twosome heading the committee—Sally Siegrist Haberlach and Sally Plummer Reimann—all of Portland awaited this tantalizing show held November 4 in the Portland Garden Club. Longer hours for this event were on the agenda this year, in hopes that husbands and career girls would be able to attend.

And to finish the year 1959 in flourishing style, Jeri Lesher McFarlane and committee planned a Tired Shopper's Ball December 4 in the beautiful new Sheraton-Portland.

Margaret Metcalf Edwards

RENO

The Reno Alumnae Chapter is successfully combining business with pleasure this year. The main business at hand is to raise money for furnishings and incidentals for the remodeled Beta Mu chapter house at the University of Nevada. The new construction at Beta Mu will include a modern kitchen, enlarged quarters for the housemother, a remodeled living room, a new chapter room, a dining room, a car port and the bedroom space will be increased to accommodate 26 girls. With this wonderful "new house" in sight for the spring semester the alumnae have been busy for the past year raising money. The "Fun for Funds" campaign we embarked upon was highly successful and increased the treasury a great deal—but the job isn't over yet, so onward we push, looking for more new and different ideas for "Fun for Funds."

Highlight of the District IX Convention for the Reno Alumnae Chapter was in having Dorothy Savage Paterson (Beta Mu) elected to the post of College District President. This is the first time for a Beta Mu to be elected to this high office.

Last June, with a modified initiation and ritual, we welcomed seven new alumnae members at the annual Senior Breakfast. The breakfast was a tremendous success under the chairmanship of Rosemary Cochran Girolamo (Beta Mu) and her efficient committee.

In August a buffet and beach party was held at the lovely Lake Tahoe home of Janet Halladay Empey (Beta Epsilon). This was one of the pleasures we combined with business!

To start this fall's programming, a brunch meeting was held in Carson City, Nevada, with Mary Lee Scott Foster entertaining in her home. The first project was the annual fall fashion show and luncheon held for the benefit of the Institute of Logopedics and our local philanthropy, the Nevada Foundation for Handicapped Children, Eagle Valley, Nevada.

Sally Hazeltine Harding lights candles—only a few of the many on display in eighteen planned exhibits—at Portland's 1958 Flaming Festival. The over \$800 realized on this event was donated by Portland alums to the Institute of Logopedics and the local Tucker-Maxon Oral School.

This year promises to be a success with pledge night, Homecoming luncheon, the annual Christmas party, a cocktail-dinner party and various other money raising projects under the leadership of Diana Collins Adams (Beta Mu), and her executive committee.

Syd Chapman Winkel

ROCKFORD

The Kappa Alpha Thetas of Rockford, Illinois started off the year most successfully at their first meeting on September 28. Dr. Abbie Findlay Potts of Troy, New York (formerly of Rockford) spoke to a group of about forty alums. You may recall that Dr. Potts wrote parts of our ritual book. We felt very fortunate to have her as our speaker.

We had a busy, and we hope, prosperous fall. We planned another bazaar, at which time area Thetas could find many delightful "extra little Christmas gifts." This money we shall use for our philanthropic fund. We also sold fruit cake again around the holidays. It proved to be a very successful venture last year. The proceeds from our fruit cake selling will go to the Beloit chapter to help them with their new house. Speaking of Beloit, many of our alums have certainly kept themselves busy helping with the new house. We are so anxious to see it completed.

Our last year was most pleasant for the Rockford Alumnae Chapter. We have found that being an alum chapter and not a club affords many interests and responsibilities. But we seem to be faring quite well throughout this transition.

Last spring we joined with the Rockford Panhellenic and held a rush party, a dinner at the Faust Hotel. The Beloit College Panhellenic gave a skit and other entertainment was provided by the alum groups. In May, the alum group went up to Beloit to be guests of the chapter there. In June, we entertained the actives at a picnic.

We would like to invite any alums in the Rockford area to our meetings. They are held the last Monday of the month.

Sandi Wahlstrom

SACRAMENTO

This past year has brought interest and variety to the meetings of our Sacramento Valley alums, now



some eighty in number. In February, led by our capable president, Jo Ann Cardwell Delaney (Gamma Xi), and a group of officers determined to make this our most successful year, our agenda became crowded with plans. A hobby and pink elephant sale was to be held at our March meeting; in April we enjoyed a lovely Saturday brunch in the home of Betty Dawson Nuzum (Alpha Kappa), who redecorated her home especially for the occasion. What a turnout! Forty-five people overflowed into the lovely garden. In May, a luncheon, our last regular meeting before summer and the last of our plans to be laid for the June "Latchstring Bridge Party," our big fund raising event of the year. Four alumnae homes were opened for luncheon and bridge, accommodating in all some forty tables under the chairmanship of Mary Kay Slane Exstrom (Beta Gamma).

Twenty couples enjoyed the annual swim and barbecue party held in July for members and their husbands at the home of Esther Scott Sertich (Phi).

August was our quiet month, summer coming to an end. Rested and tanned, we gathered for our September luncheon to make plans for the fall and spring—a cocktail and dinner party honoring our husbands, our annual eggnog party for members only and a lovely Christmas coffee for prospective Thetas and new grads.

Thus we end this gay and profitable year with many nostalgic memories.

Ann Potter Taylor

ST. LOUIS

A backward glance at the year just past should give a St. Louis alumna a feeling of accomplishment and pride. Under the able leadership of Marjorie

To those of us in the midwest in December (the month this issue comes out) this looks like a Brrrr-it-would-be-cold picture. But it was Fun in the Sun for Sacramento Valley alumnae (and friend, Fred Wade) at their annual swimming and barbecue party. L. to r., Jo Ann Cardwell Delaney (Gamma Xi), Elizabeth Dawson Nuzum (Alpha Kappa), Fred, Ann Fisher Stroppini (Beta Iota).



Beard Garlinghouse, we reached new heights in working together for our common goals.

Our fund raising project is the item that requires the most cooperative work by the entire chapter. For the 1958-1959 year, we returned to our idea of a Talent Sale. It was held in October at Ladue Chapel with a World's Fair theme. As a result of our sale we were able to send \$800 to the Institute of Logopedics and \$800 to Children's Hospital in St. Louis for use toward a heart-lung machine.

Our Talent Sale was quickly followed by our annual Christmas coffee. This party, given to honor new pledges, was held at the home of Alice Rubelman Knight and was one of the highlights of the year.

The Founders' Day luncheon in March was a lovely and inspiring meeting. We were hilariously entertained by a skit featuring the actives of Alpha Iota.

Our year approached the end with a delightful playday at Jo Sunkel Noland's home in the country. The proceeds of the day were designated for an Alpha Iota room fund and a fund to send delegates to District Conventions. We hope to make this playday an annual event.

With the coming of District Convention to St. Louis, our year came to a close. Under the inspiring leadership of our new president, Elaine Bjorkland Ground, we aspire to greater heights in social, philanthropic and fraternity goals.

Jane Knabe Brown

ST. PAUL

The University of Minnesota's own river showboat featuring dramas of the 1890's was host to our St. Paul Alumnae Chapter following a picnic supper in the lovely garden of Margaret Knapp Dilworth (Upsilon). The active chapter received a substantial financial boost as a result of a grand evening.

A highlight of our year was the annual talent sale in November whose purpose is to raise money. Each member contributes a useful and attractive item, preferably handmade, which in turn is sold to other members.

Our most popular venture is the spring salad luncheon and fashion show given jointly by the St. Paul and Minneapolis Alumnae Chapters. Sometimes, as last spring, instead of the fashion show a reading of a current play or book is presented.

Mary Ann Pierson Ginnow

SAN DIEGO

With the installation of officers at the home of our past president, Phyllis Sanders Dickson (Alpha Xi), the San Diego Alumnae Chapter began a new and eventful year. The program the night of installation, a wine-tasting party, was a most successful way to begin the year's events. A month later we honored the graduating seniors of our college chapter, Gamma Sigma at San Diego State College, and gave a paid membership to the outstanding graduate, Francie Brown.

Gere Healy Mollering (Gamma Sigma), our new president, started off the year in September giving a luncheon for the board members and the chapter chairmen. We made plans for our largest project of the year—the Annual Benefit Fashion Show. "Seasone

d'Elegance" is the name of this year's show, which was held at the El Cortez Hotel on November 14. The chairman was Caroline Horne Wolcott (Gamma Sigma) and her co-chairman was Marjorie Berlin Fletcher (Gamma Sigma). Gloria Wahler Bach (Gamma Sigma) and Margaret McGowan Watson (Beta Epsilon) decorations co-chairmen, decorated the tables and programs in gay gold and red holiday decor.

After rushing and pledging was over at San Diego State College, Virginia Noon Wilson (Gamma Sigma) Big Sister chairman, chose alumnae big sisters for the new pledges. The alumna chosen is the girl's big sister until she becomes a member of the alumnae chapter or leaves the area. She is responsible for the girl while she is active in the sorority, then orients her when she enters the alumnae chapter.

The San Diego Alumnae Chapter is looking forward to greeting Thetas from many miles away at the Grand Convention, which will be held across San Diego Bay at Hotel del Coronado.

Tommie Lane

SAN FRANCISCO

A mixture of philanthropy and fellowship seasoned the past year of the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter. Our philanthropy projects were a re-run of an old favorite, the Latchstring Party, and a rummage sale. Marin Thetas, who lunched with us prior to the sale, can testify to our ability as saleswomen and to the authenticity of our bargains. There's nothing like enlightened self-interest to cement fraternity relations!

The Latchstring Party was such a gala affair that it seemed incredible that several years had passed since we first opened our homes for this chain of parties. Those who wanted to play bridge or canasta did so but many preferred to enjoy refreshments and talk without the competition of cards. The Latchstring Party and the rummage sale enabled us to donate to the Institute of Logopedics and to our new local philanthropy, the San Francisco Speech and Hearing Center.

On January 26, San Francisco and San Mateo Thetas gathered at Ondine's in Sausalito, where Marin Thetas were hostesses at our annual Founders' Day Luncheon. Leona Belser Diekema (Eta) acted as wise and witty toastmistress for the program.

Other calendar highlights: a discussion by Dr. John Moncur, director of the Speech and Hearing Center; Carol Green Wilson (Phi) taking us around the world in eighty minutes via her color slides; the December 29 coffee hour for college Thetas and their mothers; and the Past President's luncheon, featuring a visit from Alumnae District President Sallie Fagan Gould (Beta Mu).

Virginia Taylor Englander

SAN JOSE

The Theta kite flew high over San Jose this spring when we were the hostesses for District IX Convention. With lots of hard work by Kathryn Cassin, our three day workshop was very successful. We were fortunate to have Mary X. Plummer, Grand Council member at large, with us. Dean Greenleaf, dean of

women of San Jose State College, gave a thought provoking talk at the closing banquet held at San Jose Country Club.

Spring was also the season for our Senior Party—a dessert given at the home of Alice Elvins Gallagher for the graduating seniors.

We ended our activities with a gay barbecue. Co-chairmen were Eleanor Stone Brady and Barbara Johnson Hemker. Jeanne Lockwood Pinheiro, Marty Frain Lion and Jean Jorgenson Lovely and their husbands helped make hamburgers juicy and good.

We started the fall activities with a coffee held at La Verne Kneeshaw's. Leslie Eastman Martin did a fine job of gathering us up after vacation. Next, came our pot luck dinner at Nancy Rundle Murphy's. Marge Burleson Rice was the chairman.

Yes, you are right, we do like to eat, but we do work also. Our rummage sale, guided by Janet Gray Frazee Hayes, was so successful that we plan on repeating it again this year.

We are looking forward to the many activities planned for this year.

Carolyn Burrell Hansen

SANTA BARBARA

We share with you two songs from our "Hit Parade of 1959." "Memories are Made of This"—Founders' Day was commemorated on St. Valentine's Day this year. A pot luck buffet was served at the home of Jean Barnum Seaton. Our guests were Theta representatives from Ventura, California and our actives. Big sisters (new alumnae) received and met their little sisters (new actives). The Big-Little Sister program has given both participants a great deal of pleasure in the past and will be continued.

Our shining hour came when we had the honor of hostessing the District VII Convention in March. The Miramar Hotel became our headquarters. Under the able leadership of convention manager, Kay Pierce Louston, and her assistants, Mary Jo Latsch Miles and Dorothy Pierce Nissler, a total of 122 Thetas had registered. For the first time there were discussion groups made up of alumnae and college members.

Our alumnae chapter received a wonderful surprise on District Convention banquet night. Deborah Record Penoyer, president of the Southern California Federation, presented us with a \$500 check. This was used toward the land purchase for the Gamma Rho chapter house.

With philanthropy in mind we held a successful Tea-Swim-Bridge at the home of Beth Parmalee Jones. Nanci Browning Robertson was the hard working chairman.

"High Hopes"—the house corporation committee, of which Beth Parmalee Jones and Kay Pierce Louston, chairman and co-chairman respectively, is busy with details and plans concerning the new Gamma Rho chapter house in Isla Vista. Our annual rummage sale in November assisted this committee.

We sing of two new programs this year. One will be the alumnae-active night—dinner at the chapter house and attendance at their meeting. The other, our grand finale, a wine-tasting party for members and guests.

With all this harmony, we fully expect to keep in tune.

Jean Murray Mangini

SPOKANE

The Spokane Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta began fall activities early this year. A combination meeting and party was held on August 31 making it possible to include all active Thetas in the area. The affair was planned and given by the new board members. The party and meeting were held at the home of Jean McCurdy Hardy (Alpha Lambda), Spokane. Twenty actives and 45 alumnae members attended. Swimming preceded a buffet dinner of roast turkey and baked ham. Following the dinner, there was a brief meeting at which time the prospective rush list was discussed and unanimously approved. Everyone found the party-meeting a beneficial and delightful affair.

Barbara Church

SYRACUSE

A successful spring luncheon and fashion show was held in May for Thetas and their friends. In June the Chi senior banquet honoring the new graduates took place at the chapter house. Jane Bradley McLeod (Chi) entertained the Thetas and their husbands at a delightful and profitable couple's party with an added feature of a "talent auction."

Fall has been a busy time for Chi's alums. Our first fall gathering was an enjoyable afternoon with a box luncheon and our annual bulb and seed barter at Grace Williams Burn's (Chi) home. Cynthia Wickwire Taylor (Chi) volunteered the use of her home in Fayetteville for our third annual Flaming Festival. Joan Poorman (Alpha Xi) was the chairman for our major money making project. We contribute the proceeds from this festival to our own local Frank C. McCarthy School for Retarded Children and to the Institute of Logopedics.

Other meetings for the year include: a discussion by Mrs. Dorothy Cummings, chairman of the Everson Museum Board of Trustees, of the new fine arts museum for Syracuse; pennies for our birthday years to help us celebrate our Chi chapter's birthday on November 16; a program on Your Figure, Madame; and a spring luncheon and fashion show. In June Jean Carlson Williams (Chi) and her husband will entertain the Thetas and their spouses at their home.

A long range remodeling plan has been started for Chi's chapter house at Syracuse University. Over the summer months some of these plans were made possible by alumnae pledges and contributions. More sleeping area for actives, new rooms for the housemother, Mrs. Doris Sheeler, and additional storage areas have been finished. Remodeling the outdated kitchen will be on the list for improvements in the near future.

Nancy Skeele Edwards

TACOMA

Being situated near two large military installations has made it possible for the Tacoma alum group to meet and know many Thetas from across the nation who, with their husbands, are based near here while serving in the armed forces. From the University of

Michigan we have met Mary Gronberg Pelto, from Ohio comes Jane Speer of Cincinnati, and Audrey Waldorf from Ohio State. Closer to home is Merridy O'Keefe, from Oregon.

Filling the treasury so that we can concentrate our group effort on local philanthropies has been the goal of the chapter these past months. Under our president, Bo Parker Hunt, we staged a successful fall rummage sale and a trip back to the make-believe land of *Alice in Wonderland* was enjoyed by all who saw the stage play we co-sponsored with Pacific Lutheran College.

Many members of our group bought the lovely Christmas cards designed by Jody McCroskey Selene of Alpha Sigma. Our Christmas auction was a spirited affair. The proceeds from this event bought gifts from "Santa" for the children's division of the Pierce County Welfare this year.

On the "fun" side of our calendar we feted our husbands in May at the now annual pot luck dinner. July brought area Theta mommies and their little ones together at the poolside of the beautiful home of Toni Mahncke Young for the summertime picnic we all look forward to.

We are especially proud of Mary Margaret Quigley Hodge, who is now Alumnae President of District XIV. Always a guiding light in her own alum group we know that Mary Margaret will serve our district graciously and loyally.

Peggy Reser Colkitt

TOLEDO

Toledo Theta alumnae are very proud over the success of our Theta Flaming Festival last spring. It had been many years since we have had the opportunity of working together on a project that not only supported our philanthropies but was such fun too. This was one of the biggest jobs Toledo alums ever attempted, and the untiring efforts of Mary Van Brunt Robinson, Dorothy Dixon Wuerfel and Lois Fassig Sharp helped guide us all to a very rewarding experience.

The Festival was held from 1 to 9 P.M. in the beautiful Washington Congregational Church which was the perfect background for 45 tables set for different occasions. The only feature they had in common was the use of candles. Assisting the sorority was a group of Toledo's leading stores, decorating studios, florists, china shops and furniture stores.

This fashion show of table displays was comprised of children's tables such as "TV for Size Three," and "Bunnykins Breakfast." "Oriental Flavor," "Hawaiian Luau" and "Springtime in Paris" were titles for some of the settings in the foreign food fare. Entertaining through the seasons gave a wide variety of ideas. "Sunday Lunch in the Country," "Golden Wedding Anniversary" and "Easter Dessert" were among the many subjects for arrangements.

Through this unusual fund raising event we were able to present a check for \$1000 to the Toledo Child and Family Service and also an amount went to Theta's national philanthropy, the Institute of Logopedics.

Five fifty-year-awards were presented to Toledo area Thetas last Founders' Day. Those honored were



Marcia Mulholland Shannon, president of the Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, presents a check for \$1,000 to Wendell F. Johnson, executive director of the Toledo Child and Family Agency. The money represents the proceeds of the chapter's Flaming Festival.

which are read to all the membership at meetings.

To raise money for "Orsula," the chapter holds a bridge and auction sale in November. Then, too, a group of Thetas plays bridge from time to time during the winter months and the proceeds go to Orsula.

The Junior Group raises money for its own project—a home for mentally retarded children. Last year members made stuffed toys to send to the children for Christmas.

Highlight of this season's Kappa Alpha Theta activities will be the Founders' Day banquet which is to be held at the Granite Club on February 3.

Lenore MacDonald

TUCSON

The Institute of Logopedics just a place where our contributions are made? This is not true for us in Tucson. At our Founders' Day celebration, Molly Starr, who has a son at the Institute, gave us a very enthusiastic and appreciative talk giving us the personal touch which made us proud of Theta's help to the Institute.

How welcome were the "snacks" we took the activities for the "hash sessions" after rush parties. Our little contributions helped to make us feel more a part of rush, too. We also assisted with this phase by making many new initiation robes.

With the president of the Mothers' Club pouring, we had a very congenial Christmas coffee with invitations also extended to the Mothers' Club.

One of our outstanding meetings included a book review about one of our Beta Delta alums—Jane Boyle Needham's book, *Looking Up*. It's the story of Jane's life written with her help by Rosemary Taylor.

Seniors felt most welcome as new alums when they were introduced to our group with a patio supper party and a little welcome gift. New alums and old are ready and looking forward to a new and active year ahead of us.

Rita Turano Goodin

TULSA

One of the most thrilling moments, Thetawise, during the past year, came at our annual Founders' Day Banquet. When the announcement was made that we would give a scholarship to an outstanding senior girl at the University of Tulsa each year, applause was spontaneous. But when it was learned that the award was to be named after our distinguished member and speaker for the evening, Lucia Loomis Ferguson, the assembled guests rose to their feet in acclamation.

This award was made possible by our second Flaming Festival which, through the large sale of candles as well as tickets, enabled us to make our contribution to the Institute of Logopedics and, also,

Blanche McNary, DePauw 1896; Edith Carmichael Ward, DePauw 1904; Ruby Scott Moening, Michigan 1908; Esther Rauch Sheldon, Kansas 1904; Mae Mulholland Squire, Albion 1904.

Alice Waggaman Walters

TOPEKA

Baskets for purses, baskets for flowers and even baskets for dogs were a new feature last April at our annual Table Settings and Tea. The baskets were sold in a hall just outside the table settings' room and helped to increase proceeds, part of which go to the Institute of Logopedics. Members of Topeka alumnae as well as friends prepare displays of table settings complete with dishes, centerpieces and sometimes even food, and tickets are sold to the event. A beautiful tea table is always one of the main attractions as tea, coffee, cookies and mints are served from it to the guests. This year we were especially honored to have Mrs. George Docking, wife of the governor of Kansas, prepare a Governor's Banquet Table for display.

Topeka Alumnae Chapter works closely with Alpha Upsilon Chapter at Washburn University and during rush week we prepared all the refreshments and decorated for rush parties. At our September meeting the new pledges were our guests and were introduced.

Money-making projects at alumnae meetings were a white elephant sale and a cookie sale. We also had two outstanding programs. Marjorie Hemus Crane (Alpha Upsilon) showed slides of her trip to the South Seas and Australia, and Mr. James Irwin, interior designer, displayed fabrics and talked on decorating.

In March officers for 1959-1960 were installed, with Sally White (Alpha Upsilon) as president.

Martha Ream Shimp

TORONTO

A small girl in Italy is very familiar with those three little words—Kappa Alpha Theta.

As part of its charitable activities, the Toronto Alumnae Chapter sends money to her under the Foster Parents' Plan—and gets charming letters in return



This table arrangement was one of 32 at the Tulsa Flaming Festival last fall. Entitled "Patriotic Holiday," it was arranged by Elinor Moor Rader (Beta Tau) and Pete Carson Henderson (Alpha Omicron). The color scheme was an effective red, white and blue.

to give this scholarship. This October we again held our Flaming Festival with Shirley Rambo Francis and Donna McMurry Gibbs, president of the Junior Alumnae Chapter, as chairmen.

The alums assisted the Gamma Tau Mothers' Club, whose membership includes many of our members in furnishing silver and dishes for the actives to serve meals at the Lodge. We were pleased with the fine record Gamma Tau and the other Oklahoma chapters made in rush this fall. Martha Robertson Fleeger was recommendation chairman. Gamma Tau pledged twelve Tulsa girls, Beta Zeta, six, and Alpha Omicron, five. One of our pleasantest joint meetings, at which our senior president, Isabel Laws Wier, presided, was our spring meeting when new Theta initiates were guests of honor.

In June we had our second Ivy Ceremony. This is a party where our new college graduates are given a membership in the Junior Alumnae Chapter together with a small ivy plant.

The Junior Group had a wonderful year. The Dubbs



Lucky recipients of fifty-year-awards at the Washington, D.C.'s Founders' Day celebration were, l. to r., Marjorie Commskey Grant (Alpha Kappa) and Adele McMaster Butler (Gamma).

bridge party in the fall proved lots of fun; the Christmas party featured a flower arrangement demonstration; the spring dance was called "Springtime in Paris," with decorations carrying out that theme. Each of our groups enjoys its separate activities as much as those joint meetings and activities which have proved so successful.

Betty Steele Baranoff

WASHINGTON, D.C.

For the eleventh year we granted speech scholarships totaling \$1250 to the Institute of Logopedics, Maryland and George Washington Universities. Gifts of \$100 each, plus Christmas gifts, were made to the two college chapters. Members of the house corporation for Gamma Kappa at George Washington, led by Florence Whitacre Fassett, deserve special mention for their untiring efforts toward refurbishing the chapter rooms.

Our Founders' Day luncheon, arranged by Emma Mae Rummel Vickrey, enabled 165 college and alumnae Thetas to honor two new fifty year Thetas, Marjorie Commskey Grant (Alpha Kappa) and Adele McMaster Butler (Gamma). Added attractions to our regular business and social meetings throughout the year brought us a luncheon and lecture tour at the National Gallery of Art, arranged by Helen Baldwin Tormoen; a "kick off" dinner in the fall given by the executive board; a visit with Dottie French, member at large from Grand Council, at a tea in the Maryland chapter house; a garden party in May honoring the graduating seniors of Maryland and George Washington chapters.

Our first Flaming Festival, directed by Hazel Lotze Whittaker and held at the national headquarters of Phi Gamma Delta, a charming old Georgian mansion generously loaned to us by that fraternity, was successful enough to merit its becoming an annual event.

Gladys Morris McDonnell

WICHITA

The cafeteria at the Institute of Logopedics was festive last May 26 when the Wichita Alumnae Chapter held its final meeting of the year there. A delectable luncheon was enjoyed after which officers for the 1959-1960 year and new Theta alumnae in the Wichita area were introduced. Mary Bock McCullough (Rho) will head the chapter as president this year.

We were proud and gratified to hear the announcement at this meeting that fourteen Wichita Theta alumnae had contributed a total of 1124 volunteer hours at the Institute of Logopedics from September through May of last year. Following the meeting the documentary color movie "And They Shall Speak" was shown.

This year we hope to make enough money from our November rummage sale to enable us to finance a more ambitious project in the spring.

We are looking forward, as usual, to our Founders' Day dinner meeting to be held on January 27, our Christmas eggnog party with our husbands, and a variety of interesting programs at our alternate afternoon and evening meetings.

Marjorie Oliver Hertzler

Pulling Together for Theta

Unique in its geography, Los Angeles is a sprawling overgrown "town," the hub of a great area. Rumor has it that the Coast—and we mean southern California—will eventually become one great city from Ventura County south to the environs of San Diego and Mexico's border. How then can Theta's alumnae groups operate to the fullest advantage here?

Up to 1949 Theta alumnae chapters and clubs in the area did very little. That year the Grand Alumnae Secretary, Irene Miller, organized a Federation to act as a clearing agent for all groups. Interest lagged, however, and it was not until 1954, when Virginia Oliver covered many miles and spoke many words, that the story of the Federation was sold to Thetas all over southern California. A constitution was written and a governing board elected with representation from each chapter and club. Interest in the new organization inspired a renewal for growth.

The purpose of the Southern California Federation of Kappa Alpha Theta? To receive from and offer suggestions to the chapters and clubs, to individual members and to integrate and coordinate enterprises of a joint nature.

What has Federation accomplished?

Money-making benefits are sponsored jointly, not singly. Four such bi-yearly benefits have realized \$27,751.00 profit; for the last one held

28 charities were represented and 17 member groups participated.

Founders' Day is celebrated jointly, with California-Berkeley (Omicron) and California-Los Angeles (Beta Xi) actives as guests.

In March, 1959, the first all Federation and District VII convention was held in Santa Barbara. "Genuine closeness between alums and actives . . . could only have been realized through the fine Federation organization."

The Federation has been invaluable to local groups in the help it has given to the Rush Boards. Many hours of time are saved through well organized procedures.

Through the Federation the California State files have been brought up to date under the capable hands of Albertine James.

The Federation has made southern California Theta groups more efficient, more active in the fraternity, more cognizant of one another's problems and more helpful to one another.

The Federation has brought about better public relations and "great" publicity for Theta in the area.

In short, The Federation in our "large-ever-expanding city" is a substantial hub and the strength in the Theta alumnae wheel.

● **Polly Archer**

Orange Coast (Calif.) Alumnae Club

Theta Lips Are Smiling

Speaking of Panhellenic (and this issue of the magazine we are, pages 3-5) Thetas find much that is fun in their relationships with Panhel women's groups. For instance:

- At Allegheny, Panhel has started "Round Robins." Freshman women are divided into small groups to visit the five sorority rooms, located on the fourth floor of the dormitory. At the first Round Robin, one Theta came away quite impressed with the attractive girl she had been talking to—"the one who sat just beside the door." Theta chapter members had to chuckle and smile over that one. The Theta had been rushing the Panhel member who was taking the girls from room to room—an Alpha Chi Omega in good standing!
- Fresno says this wasn't funny—but definitely fun! The Thetas and Kappas, living across the street from each other, declared war on each other.

After pranks, water fights indulged in for a few weeks, the Kappas furnished dessert, the Thetas coffee for a joint truce party, complete with truce flags and Theta-Kappa songs.

• Dressed in bermudas and hats, Theta seniors arrived at the Miami chapter meeting only to leave precipitously when other sorority seniors stood outside the Theta suite and sang, "Seniors, won't you come out and play with us?" All Miami seniors thus collected everyone from all groups for a party of their own.

• Penn State Thetas couldn't have been more surprised when they received a card during rush saying, "Happy Rushing from our house to your house—the Kappas!" The Kappas were surprised, too. They received a card saying, "The same—from the Thetas!" Two great and good mischievous friends of both groups perpetrated this prank—which Panhellenically has its merits, don't you think?

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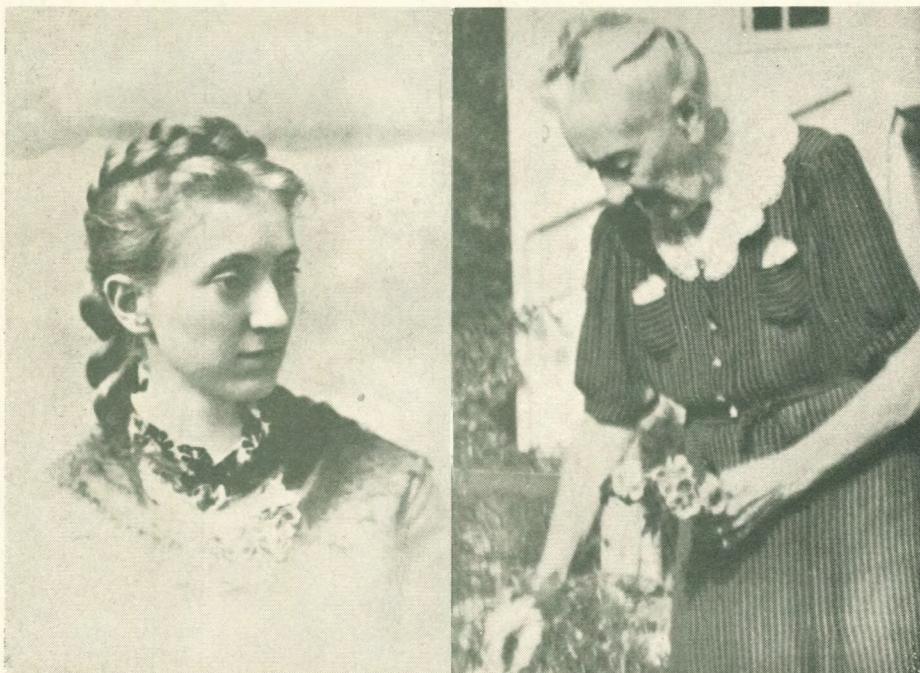
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OLDEST LIVING THETA? The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine presents Sarah Van Sicklen Brownell, early member of the local Alpha Rho, which became our eighth chapter, Lambda at the University of Vermont. Sarah graduated from UVM (the early name meaning *Universitatis Viridi Montanae*) in 1877; was initiated into Theta in 1883. Nov. 22, 1959 she celebrated her 104th birthday! The oldest living member of Lambda, she is also perhaps the oldest living member of national Phi Beta Kappa (elected in 1877). In 1880, traveling on horseback or in a top buggy behind a Morgan mare, she took the census in her native town, Williston, Vermont; later took the decennial census in Washington. Interested in gardening, children, current events, she follows the radio news and church programs, is a witty conversationalist and says, "I hope to live long enough to carry out my own will. Then it will be done right." The picture at the left was taken the year she graduated from college; the one at the right when she was 90.